

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item**

SUBJECT:

Request that the Board authorize public hearing for Board Order FH-18-12, proposed rules affecting NR 20, 21, 22, and 23 related to the Fish and Wildlife Spring Hearing Rule changes to recreational fishing regulations on inland, outlying, and boundary waters.

JANUARY 2013
FOR: ~~December 2012~~ Board meeting

PRESENTER'S NAME AND TITLE: Kate Strom Hiorns, Fisheries Policy Specialist

SUMMARY:

The proposed rule would make modifications to administrative code pertaining to sport fishing regulations on inland, outlying, and boundary waters of Wisconsin. The proposed changes would help protect and enhance the State's fish resources.

All rule change proposals were submitted by fish biologists and peer-reviewed for justification and enforceability, including:

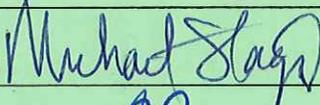
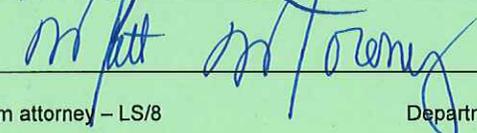
- Allowing trolling on all inland waters with up to three hooks, baits, or lures;
- Removing the Northern Bass Management Zone early catch and release season for largemouth bass and allowing their harvest under existing size and bag limits. This change would mean that smallmouth bass must be immediately released during the early catch and release season from the first Saturday in May to the Friday preceding the third Saturday in June, but largemouth bass may be harvested beginning the first Saturday in May so long as the length and bag limits are followed;
- Restricting the use of lead tackle that is less than 1-inch in diameter or less than 1-ounce in weight on Escanaba, Nebish, and Palette lakes in Vilas County;
- Allowing rough fish to be taken by hand year round or by hand spear where spearing is allowed from June 1 to August 31 within 200 feet of a fishway, lock, or dam;
- Simplifying rough fish spearing season dates on inland waters by opening all but 9 northern counties to rough fish spearing year-round;
- Allowing explicit, temporary bag or size limit changes for rehabilitation projects or to control detrimental fish species using public notice and information meetings rather than the lengthy administrative rule change process; and
- Creating several species-specific regulation changes on individual waterbodies throughout the state.

Economic impact is none to minimal, Level 3

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board authorize public hearing for Board Order FH-18-12.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Statement of scope | <input type="checkbox"/> Governor approval of statement of scope |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fiscal estimate and economic impact analysis (EIA) form | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental assessment or impact statement |
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Approved by	Signature	Date
Mike Staggs, Bureau Director		12/10/2012
Ken Johnson, Administrator		12/18/12
Cathy Stepp, Secretary		1/8/13

cc: Board Liaison - AD/8

Program attorney - LS/8

Department rule coordinator - LS/8

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 10, 2012

TO: All Members of the Natural Resources Board

FROM: Cathy Stepp, Secretary

SUBJECT: Background memo on Board Order FH-18-12, relating to authorization of public hearings on proposed changes to sport fishing regulations on inland, outlying, and boundary waters.

Why is the rule being proposed?

With this rule, the Department will make changes to fish size limits, bag limits, seasons, and other regulations related to fishing in inland, outlying, and boundary waters. Fishing regulations are in place to help meet management goals and objectives for waters and their fish species, such as providing a trophy walleye fishery or a bass fishery that maximizes predation on smaller fishes. New regulations are proposed when management goals have changed or the Department must address a critical need, such as a major fish population decline. They are based on input solicited from stakeholders when the proposals were developed as well as plans for evaluating the regulations after they are in place.

Summary of rule.

The proposed rule would make modifications to portions of chs. NR 20, 21, 22, and 23 pertaining to sport fishing regulations on inland, outlying, and boundary waters of Wisconsin. These changes are proposed to protect and enhance the State's fish resources.

Sections 1, 2, 4, 11, 12, 14, 16, 19, 23, 25, 29, 31, 33, 37, 38, 40, 42, 44, 49, 51, 54, 58, 60, 61, 63, 68, 70, 71, 74, 76, 78, 82, 85, 90, 93, 96, 104, 106, 108, 112, 116, 119, 121, 122, 123, 124, 127, 129, 133, 135, 136, 139, 144, 145, 149, 150, 151, 155, 157, 160 and 170 allow fishing by the method of trolling on all inland waters with up to three hooks, baits, or lures. Trolling means trailing a lure or bait from a boat propelled by a means other than drifting, pedaling, paddling, or rowing. Trolling is currently allowed for certain disabled anglers by special permit and on all waters in 19 counties; on one or more waters in 45 counties (105 total waters); and on all boundary waters with IA, MN, and MI except in Vilas County boundary waters with MI. In addition to Wisconsin waters, trolling is already allowed in all surrounding states and provinces with no known adverse effects. Allowing trolling statewide would simplify regulations by eliminating confusion about where trolling is allowed, allow moving boats to trail behind suckers or minnows while occupants are casting (a form of trolling) on all waters, eliminate the need to define position fishing (fishing in a manner where the line extends vertically into the water while the boat is maneuvered by the use of a motor), eliminate the need for disabled anglers to have to apply for trolling permits, and provide additional fishing opportunities for anglers who may have difficulty fishing by other methods.

Sections 3, 5, 9, and 10 allow rough fish to be taken by hand year round or by hand spear from June 1 to August 31, where spearing is allowed, on inland waters within 200 feet of a fishway, lock, or dam. This would expand fishing opportunities for rough fish that are considered undesirable in Wisconsin waters. Anglers may currently only use hook and line to take fish, including rough fish, within 200 feet of a fishway, lock, or dam.

Sections 7 and 8 alter the hours to legally spear sturgeon on lakes Winnebago, Butte des Morts, Winneconne, and Poygan from 6:30 AM - 12:30 PM to 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM, and change the daily

deadline for sturgeon spearers to register their fish from 1:30 PM to 2:00 PM. The season would not change, which begins the second Saturday in February and continues for up to 16 days. This change addresses sunlight and visibility safety concerns while anglers are traveling on the frozen lake.

Sections 13, 36, 73, 88, 92, 101, 118, 128, and 159 make permanent a protected slot limit regulation on walleye, sauger, and hybrids where there is a daily bag limit of 5 fish and the minimum length is 15 inches, but fish from 20 to 28 inches may not be kept and only 1 fish over 28 inches is allowed. The season is open year round. The regulation would apply to the Wisconsin River north of the Prairie du Sac Dam in Columbia County up to the Grandfather Dam in Lincoln County. The regulation also applies to the river's sloughs, bayous, and flowages and certain connected waters: the Eau Claire River upstream to the Schofield Dam in Marathon County; the Yellow River to Lake Dexter Dam and Buena Vista Creek to the Nepco Dam in Wood County, and the Lemonweir River in Juneau and Monroe counties. The regulation has been in effect since 2002 and is scheduled to expire in 2014. The walleye protected slot limit regulation would also be applied to additional waters connected to the Wisconsin River under this proposal, but the season would only be open from the first Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March. Those waters are the Big Rib River downstream from Highway 29, Peplin Creek, Johnson Creek, Little Eau Claire River, and Little Eau Pleine River in Marathon County; and the Little Eau Claire River and the Little Eau Pleine River in Portage County. The regulation provides harvest, catch-and-release, and trophy fishing opportunities.

Sections 15, 20, 26, 45, 59, 64, 83, 86, 94, 105, 120, 126, 130, 142, 146, 161, 164, and 167 would remove the Northern Bass Management Zone early catch and release season for largemouth bass and allow their harvest under existing size and bag limits. Currently both largemouth and smallmouth bass must be released if caught in the Northern Bass Zone from the first Saturday in May to the Friday preceding the third Saturday in June. This change would mean that smallmouth bass must be immediately released during the early catch and release season but largemouth bass may be harvested beginning the first Saturday in May so long as the length and bag limits are followed. This proposal affects all waters that currently have an early catch and release season for bass in the Zone, including Lake Superior and its connected sloughs and the Kakagon River, tributaries to Lake Michigan north of STH 29 in Door and Kewaunee counties, and Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. The Northern Bass Zone includes waters north of State Trunk Highway (STH) 77 from its bridge over the St. Croix River east to STH 27, south on STH 27 to STH 64, east on STH 64 to where it ends in the City of Marinette and continuing due east to the shore of Green Bay and all waters north of STH 29 from its bridge over the Fox River east to where it ends in the City of Kewaunee.

Sections 6, 17, 22, 24, 27, 28, 30, 32, 43, 46, 50, 53, 55, 57, 62, 66, 69, 72, 75, 77, 84, 87, 89, 91, 95, 97, 100, 102, 103, 107, 110, 111, 114, 117, 125, 131, 134, 138, 140, 141, 147, 152, 154, 156, 158, and 163 simplify rough fish spearing season dates on inland waters statewide by opening waters in all but 9 northern counties to rough fish spearing year-round. The following areas will now be open to rough fish spearing year-round:

- 61 counties that currently have any open season for rough fish spearing,
- Pierce County that is currently closed to spearing, and
- all tributaries to Lake Michigan.

All Lake Winnebago System waters will have an April 21 to February 1 open season. Most of the System waters already have these open season dates, but some new waters will be included to ensure the entire system has the same open season. Lake Winnebago System waters include Lakes Buttes des Morts, Winneconne, Poygan, Winnebago and all their tributaries from their mouths upstream to the first dam including the Fox river from Lake Winnebago upstream to the dam above Princeton and all its tributaries from their mouths upstream to the first dam and the Wolf river from its mouth upstream to the dam in the City of Shawano and all its tributaries from their mouths upstream to the first dam including Cincoe lake,

Partridge Crop lake and Partridge lake in Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara, and Winnebago counties.

Special nighttime spearing seasons for burbot, but no other species, will remain in Douglas and Ashland counties on four rivers, and a bow and arrow or crossbow only season from May 20 to July 1 in Fish Creek Slough in Bayfield County will also remain.

With this rule change, Ashland, Bayfield, Forest, Iron, Menominee, Oneida, Price, Sawyer, and Vilas counties will remain closed to rough fish spearing year-round. All trout streams statewide and Devils Lake in Sauk County will also remain closed. The May 20 to July 1 bow and arrow seasons in Iron and Sawyer counties as well as the March 15 to the Saturday before May 1 season on trout streams in Waushara County will be closed.

No changes will be made on Lake Michigan and Lake Superior which are already open year-round, and no changes will be made to Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters which are open April 21 to March 1. All Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters will be closed to rough fish spearing through Natural Resources Board Order FH-19-12.

Section 18 applies a daily bag limit of 1 fish and a 28-inch minimum length limit on walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Silver Lake, Barron County. The current regulation is a 5-fish daily bag limit and 15-inch minimum length limit.

Section 21 applies a daily bag limit of 2 fish and a 26-inch minimum length limit on northern pike on Diamond Lake, Bayfield County. The current regulation is a 1-fish daily bag limit and 32-inch minimum length limit.

Sections 34, 35, and 36 apply a 3-fish daily bag limit and 18-inch minimum length limit on walleye, sauger and hybrids; a 1-fish daily bag limit and 18-inch minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass; and a 1-fish daily bag limit and a 32-inch minimum length limit on northern pike on Park Lake and the Fox River upstream to the Highway 33 bridge. The management goal is to maintain low numbers of detrimental species, specifically common carp and gizzard shad, with the desired outcome of improving water clarity.

Section 39 designates Token Creek Ponds and Syene Ponds in Dane County as urban fishing waters with the following regulations:

- year round season only for youth 15 years of age and younger and certain disabled anglers,
- no length limits, and
- daily bag limits of 3 trout; 1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, sauger, walleye-sauger hybrid, or northern pike; and 10 panfish.

Sections 123 and 150 designate Lions Park Pond in Rock County and Lapham Peak Pond in Waukesha County as urban fishing waters with the following regulations:

- year round season – but a special season mid-March to mid-April only for youth 15 years of age and younger and certain disabled anglers,
- no length limits, and
- daily bag limits of 3 trout; 1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, sauger, walleye-sauger hybrid, or northern pike; and 10 panfish.

Section 135 corrects the regulations applied to urban ponds in Sheboygan County. Under this change, all designated urban ponds in Sheboygan County will have the same regulations, which provide a year-round open season and a special season for only youth and disabled anglers in March and April. This was the original intent of designating these waters and biologists and law enforcement staff encourage the change.

Section 41 would make permanent a daily bag limit of 3 fish and an 18-inch minimum length limit for walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Beaver Dam Lake and its tributaries, including Mill Creek from the

mouth upstream to the Fox Lake dam and all portions of Beaver Creek in Dodge County. The regulation has been in effect since 2002 and is scheduled to expire in 2014.

Sections 47 and 148 apply a 5-fish daily bag limit and no minimum length limit, with only 1 fish over 14 inches allowed, to walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Minong Flowage, Douglas and Washburn counties. The regulation would apply upstream to the confluence of the Totagatic River with Bergen creek in Washburn County and to the connected Cranberry Lake in Douglas County. The current regulation is a 5-fish daily bag limit and 15-inch minimum length limit.

Section 48 applies a daily bag limit of 3 fish and an 18-inch minimum length limit on walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Lake Nebagamon, Douglas County. The current regulation is a 5-fish daily bag limit and 15-inch minimum length limit.

Section 52 applies a daily bag limit of 3 fish and no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass, however all bass from 14 to 18 inches must be released and only 1 fish greater than 18 inches is allowed, in Half Moon Lake, Eau Claire County. The current regulation is 14-inch minimum length limit and daily bag limit of 5 fish.

Section 56 applies a daily bag limit of 5 fish and a 15-inch minimum length limit on walleye, sauger, and hybrids in Patten Lake, Florence County, simplifying regulations to match general statewide walleye rules. The current regulation is a 5-fish daily bag limit and no minimum length limit, but only one fish over 14 inches is allowed.

Section 59 applies a daily bag limit of 3 fish and no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass, however all bass from 14 to 18 inches must be released and only 1 fish greater than 18 inches is allowed in Trump Lake, Forest County. The current regulation is 18-inch minimum length limit and daily bag limit of 1 fish.

Section 65 applies a daily bag limit of 5 fish and no minimum length limit for northern pike on Lake Six in Iron County, simplifying regulations to match current northern zone pike rules. The current regulation is a 2-fish daily bag limit and 26-inch minimum length limit.

Section 67 applies a daily bag limit of 5 fish and a 15-inch minimum length limit on walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Sandy Beach Lake, Iron County, simplifying regulations to match general statewide walleye rules. The current regulation is a 5-fish daily bag limit and no minimum length limit but only 1 fish over 14 inches may be kept.

Sections 79, 80, and 81 apply a daily bag limit of 10 fish and no minimum length limit on catfish and open the catfish season year round in Yellowstone Lake, Lafayette County. This simplifies regulations to match general statewide rules. The current regulation is a 2-fish daily bag limit in combination with walleye or bass and only catfish between 15 and 24 inches may be kept. A combined walleye and bass bag limit regulation will remain.

Sections 98 and 99 apply a daily bag limit of 1 fish and an 18-inch minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass, as well as a 1-fish daily bag limit and 32-inch minimum length limit on northern pike in Lake Tomah. Currently, the regulations are a daily bag limit of 5 and a 14-inch length limit for bass and a daily bag limit of 2 and a 26-inch length limit for pike. The management goal is to protect large predator fish from harvest in order to maximize predation on smaller fishes and complete a chemical treatment plan.

Section 109 applies a daily bag limit of 25 fish and no minimum length limit for panfish on Thompson Lake, Pepin County, simplifying regulations to match general statewide rules. The current regulation is a 10-fish daily bag limit and no minimum length limit.

Section 113 applies a daily bag limit of 5 fish and no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass on Balsam Lake, Polk County. The current regulation is a 5-fish daily bag limit and 14-inch minimum length limit. Section 115 makes administrative code language consistent with Section 113 and with current management practices.

Sections 130 and 132 apply a daily bag limit of 5 fish and no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass and a daily bag limit of 3 fish and 18-inch minimum length limit on walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Big Chetac Lake, Sawyer County. The current regulation is a 5-fish daily bag limit and 14-inch minimum length limit for bass and 5-fish daily bag limit and 15-inch minimum length limit for walleye.

Section 137 applies a daily bag limit of 3 fish and no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass, however all bass from 14 to 18 inches must be released and only 1 fish greater than 18 inches is allowed on Bass Lake, St. Croix County. The current regulation is 14-inch minimum length limit and daily bag limit of 5 fish.

Sections 142 and 143 makes permanent the current 1-fish daily bag limit and 18-inch minimum length limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass and changes the daily bag limit to 3 fish and the minimum length limit to 18-inches for walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Sparkling Lake, Vilas County. The current limits on walleye are a 1-fish daily bag limit and 28-inch minimum length limit which both sunset in March 2014.

Section 153 applies a daily bag limit of 10 fish for panfish on Little Hills Lake, Waushara County. The current daily bag limit is 25 panfish.

Sections 162 and 168 apply a daily bag limit of 1 fish and a 54-inch minimum length limit on muskellunge in Green Bay, Lake Michigan, and its tributaries north of Waldo Boulevard (in Manitowoc) and the Menominee River upstream to the Hattie Street Dam. The current regulation is a 1-fish daily bag limit and 50-inch minimum length limit.

Section 164 allows the department to make explicit, temporary changes to length or bag limits under certain conditions using a legally defined public notice process, a public information meeting if requested, and posting notice of the regulation change on public access sites of the water. The department currently may change length and bag limits using this process, rather than through an administrative rule change, if data show that there is slow growth or high contamination levels. This proposal would expand the DNR's ability to make length or daily bag limit changes to respond to the following conditions and for the following species:

a. A lake restoration project is in place to reduce detrimental fish species that includes bio-manipulation of a waterbody through increasing the abundance and biomass of predator game fish. The department may apply the following limits to particular species: 18-inch, 3-bag walleye; 18-inch, 1-bag largemouth or smallmouth bass; 32-inch, 1-bag northern pike; or 10-bag for panfish.

b. Fish have been removed or destroyed as a result of a rehabilitation program to reestablish a good supply of game fish. The department may apply the following limits to particular species: 18-inch, 3-bag walleye; 18-inch, 1-bag largemouth or smallmouth bass; 32-inch, 1-bag northern pike; or 10-bag for panfish.

c. An inland water has been documented to contain detrimental species, species nonindigenous to the waters of the state, or rough fish. In order to control the population of detrimental, nonindigenous, or rough fish species and protect the native fish populations, the department may apply the following minimum size limits to particular species: 18-inch, 3-bag walleye; 18-inch, 1-bag largemouth or smallmouth bass; 32-inch, 1-bag northern pike; or 10-bag for panfish.

d. The department finds that an evaluation of a size limit could not be completed before a sunset date. The department may extend the size limit and the limit shall remain the same and in full force and effect for 7 years from the date specified or until a permanent rule change is in place, whichever occurs first. The determination to extend a size limit sunset date shall be made within two years prior to the sunset date.

Sections 165 and 169 allow the department to adjust bag and length limits for walleye or muskellunge in the ceded territory in response to actual tribal harvest, rather than currently waiting until after the third Monday in May. Under current law, the department must wait until after the third Monday in May to raise the daily bag limit or reduce the minimum length limit based on expected safe harvest levels for specific waters. However, if ice out occurs earlier in the year, tribal harvest may also occur earlier. With this rule change, the department will be able to adjust bag limits and get that information to the public as early as possible.

Section 166 prohibits the use of lead tackle that is less than 1-inch in diameter or less than 1-ounce in weight on Escanaba, Nebish, and Palette lakes in Vilas County. The Natural Resources Board requested that the department carry out a pilot project to evaluate angler acceptance of non-toxic fishing tackle. The purpose of the project is to protect loons and other water birds that have been shown to ingest smaller sizes of tackle and to increase public awareness of the hazard that small sizes of lead-containing tackle pose to water birds.

How does this affect existing policy?

The rule does not change existing policy behind regulating angler harvest. Fishing regulations are intended to provide diverse fishing opportunities throughout the State and that policy will be continued and enhanced by these rule changes. Based on the management goals for individual waters and species, the Fisheries Management Program strives to provide:

- consumptive opportunities where anglers can fish for a meal from a self-sustained fish population;
- quality and memorable opportunities where anglers can catch large fish and the density of adult fish in the populations are sustained or increased; and
- trophy opportunities where anglers can catch large trophy-size fish and the survival of older and larger fish is increased.

These changes are proposed to protect and enhance the State's fish resources. All rule change proposals were submitted by fish biologists and peer-reviewed for justification and enforceability by Fisheries Management supervisors and the Bureau Director, species management teams, and the Bureaus of Law Enforcement and Legal Services. Proposals were discussed with Wisconsin Conservation Congress members and will be presented at the 2013 Fish and Wildlife Spring Hearings. Proposals that reduce regulation complexity or eliminate a special regulation in favor of a statewide one were given preference.

Has the Board dealt with these issues before?

A package of fishing regulation changes have typically been brought before the Board annually in preparation for Fish and Wildlife Spring Hearings and to make improvements for the following general

fishing season. The previous package was approved by the Board in May 2011 and rules went into effect for the 2012-13 fishing season. If approved by the Board, these proposals will go into effect prior to the 2014-15 fishing season.

Who will be impacted by the proposed rule? How?

The proposed rule will primarily affect sport anglers. As with any change in regulations, there will be a requirement for anglers to learn the new rules. The Fisheries Management Bureau works to notify the public of new regulations via press releases, the internet, and fishing regulations pamphlets.

Information on environmental analysis, if needed?

This is a Type III action under Chapter NR 150, Wis. Admin. Code. No environmental assessment is required.

Small Business Analysis.

The proposed rule will primarily affect sport anglers. It is not expected that there will be any economic impact directly related to these rule changes. The proposed rule does not impose any compliance or reporting requirements on small businesses nor are any design or operational standards contained in the rule. No comments were received during the economic impact analysis open comment period held November 23 to December 7, 2012. During rule development, the proposed rule will be available for review and comment at <https://health.wisconsin.gov/admrules/public/Home>.

2013 Fish and Wildlife Spring Hearing Questionnaire

The proposed rule changes would take effect on April 1, 2014, unless otherwise indicated.

STATEWIDE

1) Rough Fish Harvest within 200 feet of a Fishway, Lock, or Dam

This proposal would allow a person to take rough fish by hand year round and hand spear from June 1 through August 31 within 200 feet of a fishway, lock, or dam on inland waters. Hand spearing may only occur where there is an open season for spearing of rough fish unless posted closed to spearing by department sign. Anglers may currently only use hook and line to take fish, including rough fish, within 200 feet of a fishway, lock, or dam.

The management goal is to reduce the number of carp and other rough fish and provide additional opportunities to fish. In 2012, attendees of the Fish and Wildlife Spring Hearings voted in favor of a Conservation Congress advisory question to allow the use of hand held spears within 200 feet of a dam for the purpose of taking rough fish. The Department supports this change because during the months of June, July, and August most game fish spawning is not occurring and rough fish tend to congregate in these areas. The Department is also recommending expanding the authority to take rough fish by hand year round in the areas within 200 feet of a fishway, lock, or dam.

Do you favor allowing a person to take rough fish by hand year round and by hand spear from June 1 through August 31, where spearing is allowed, within 200 feet of a fishway, lock, or dam on inland waters?

2) Rough Fish Spearing Seasons

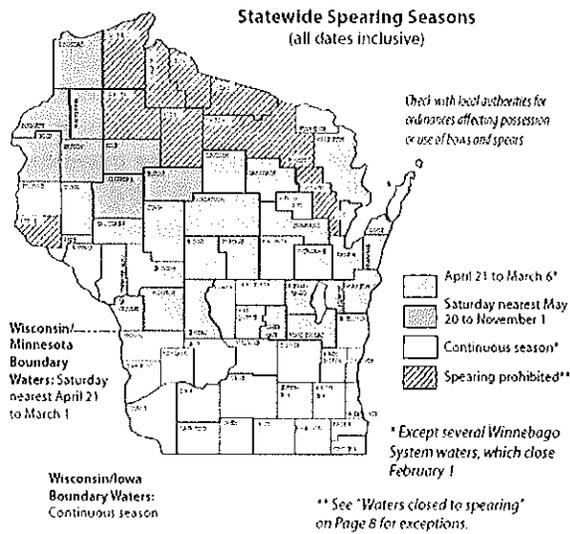
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- all tributaries to Lake Michigan.

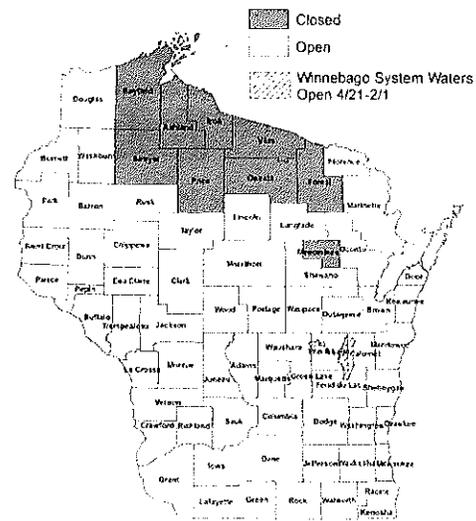
All Lake Winnebago System waters will have an April 21 to February 1 open season. Most of the System waters already have these open season dates, but some new waters will be included to ensure the entire system has the same open season. (see map below)

Special nighttime spearing seasons for burbot, but no other species, will remain in Douglas and Ashland counties on four rivers, and a bow and arrow or crossbow only season from May 20 to July 1 in Fish Creek Slough in Bayfield County will also remain.

The May 20 to July 1 bow and arrow seasons in Iron and Sawyer counties as well as the March 15 to the Saturday before May 1 season on trout streams in Waushara County will be closed with this proposal. Ashland, Bayfield, Forest, Iron, Menominee, Oneida, Price, Sawyer, and Vilas counties will remain closed to rough fish spearing year-round. All trout streams statewide and Devils Lake in Sauk County will also remain closed.



Current Spearing Season Dates



Proposed Spearing Season Dates

Lake Winnebago System (LWS) waters include Lakes Buttes des Morts, Winneconne, Poygan, Winnebago and all their tributaries from their mouths upstream to the first dam including the Fox river from Lake Winnebago upstream to the dam above Princeton and all its tributaries from their mouths upstream to the first dam and the Wolf river from its mouth upstream to the dam in the city of Shawano and all its tributaries from their mouths upstream to the first dam including Cincoe lake, Partridge Crop lake and Partridge lake in Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago counties.

The goal of this proposal is to provide additional rough fish spearing opportunities for anglers statewide. Rather than four different spearing seasons on inland waters, the proposal will create more uniform, simplified spearing seasons statewide.

Do you favor simplifying rough fish spearing season dates on inland waters statewide? (specific changes listed above)

3) Apply the Northern Bass Management Zone to Smallmouth Bass Only

This proposal would remove the Northern Bass Management Zone early catch and release season for largemouth bass and allow harvest under existing size and bag limits. Currently both largemouth and smallmouth bass must be released if caught in the Northern Bass Zone from the first Saturday in May to the Friday preceding the third Saturday in June. This change would mean that smallmouth bass must be immediately released during the early catch and release season but largemouth bass may be harvested beginning the first Saturday in May so long as the length and bag limits are followed. This proposal affects all waters that currently have an early catch and release season for bass in the Zone, including Lake Superior and its connected sloughs and the Kakagon River, tributaries to Lake Michigan north of STH 29 in Door and Kewaunee counties, and Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters.

The Northern Bass Zone includes waters north of State Trunk Highway (STH) 77 from its bridge over the St. Croix River east to STH 27, south on STH 27 to STH 64, east on STH 64 to where it ends in the City of

Marinette and continuing due east to the shore of Green Bay and all waters north of STH 29 from its bridge over the Fox River east to where it ends in the City of Kewaunee.



You must consult the current fishing regulations for any exceptions.

In 2010 and 2011, attendees of the Fish and Wildlife Spring Hearings supported questions related to separately managing largemouth and smallmouth bass with different regulations as needed. In 2012, hearing attendees voted in favor of a Conservation Congress advisory question to eliminate the early catch and release bass season in northwest Wisconsin for largemouth bass. Analyses of available data conducted in 2001, 2010, and 2012 indicate that elimination of the Northern Bass Zone, and with it the current early catch and release season, would not alter overall season harvest of largemouth and smallmouth bass. The studies revealed that bass that are saved during the early season are generally just caught later in the summer. As such, harvest of bass during this May and June period would likely not have a negative impact on the vast majority of bass populations. However, the studies also indicate that smallmouth bass populations in the early catch and release zone have shown greater improvements in size structures compared to populations in lakes with similar regulations that do not have the early catch and release season. The same effect has not been seen for largemouth bass. The Department proposes removing the Northern Bass Zone early catch and release season for largemouth bass to provide additional harvest opportunities in May and June. The Department proposes to retain the Northern Bass Zone early catch and release season for smallmouth bass to avoid having negative impacts on smallmouth bass size structure.

Do you favor applying the Northern Bass Management Zone early catch and release season from the first Saturday in May to the Friday preceding the third Saturday in June to smallmouth bass only, and allowing largemouth bass to be caught and kept during that time?

3-bag walleye; 18-inch, 1-bag largemouth or smallmouth bass; 32-inch, 1-bag northern pike; or 10-bag for panfish.

c. An inland water has been documented to contain detrimental species, species nonindigenous to the waters of the state, or rough fish. In order to control the population of detrimental, nonindigenous, or rough fish species and protect the native fish populations, the department may apply the following minimum size limits to particular species: 18-inch, 3-bag walleye; 18-inch, 1-bag largemouth or smallmouth bass; 32-inch, 1-bag northern pike; or 10-bag for panfish.

d. The department finds that an evaluation of a size limit could not be completed before a sunset date. The department may extend the size limit and the limit shall remain the same and in full force and effect for 7 years from the date specified or until a permanent rule change is in place, whichever occurs first. The determination to extend a size limit sunset date shall be made within two years prior to the sunset date.

This proposal would give the Department more flexibility to provide a quicker response to these conditions using temporary regulations. This proposal would take effect following publication of the final rule, before April 1, 2014.

Do you favor allowing the Department to more quickly make changes to length or bag limits under certain conditions (listed above) using a legally defined public notice process, a public information meeting if requested, and posting notice of the regulation change on public access sites of the water?

6) Ceded Territory Walleye Bag and Length Limit Adjustments

This proposal would allow the Department to adjust bag and length limits for walleye or muskellunge in the ceded territory as early as possible in response to actual tribal harvests, rather than currently waiting until after the third Monday in May. This proposal would take effect following publication of the final rule, before April 1, 2014.

The ceded territory encompasses 22,400 square miles of northern Wisconsin that was ceded to the U.S. by the Lake Superior Chippewa Tribes in 1837 and 1842. Some special fisheries regulations occur in the ceded territory as a result of Chippewa off-reservation treaty rights as mandated by Federal Court rulings. Some waters may have more restrictive bag or length limits as a result of tribal harvest, which typically occurs in spring each year. When ice out occurs earlier in the year, tribal harvest may also occur earlier.

In response to actual tribal harvest numbers, this proposal will allow the Department to make bag and length limit adjustments for lakes in the ceded territory and get that information to the public as early as possible. Under current law, the Department must wait until after the third Monday in May to raise the daily bag limit or reduce the minimum length limit based on expected safe harvest levels for specific waters.

Do you favor allowing the Department to adjust bag and length limits for walleye or muskellunge in the ceded territory as early as possible in response to actual tribal harvest, rather than currently waiting until after the third Monday in May?

7) Length and Bag Limits for Walleye on the Wisconsin River

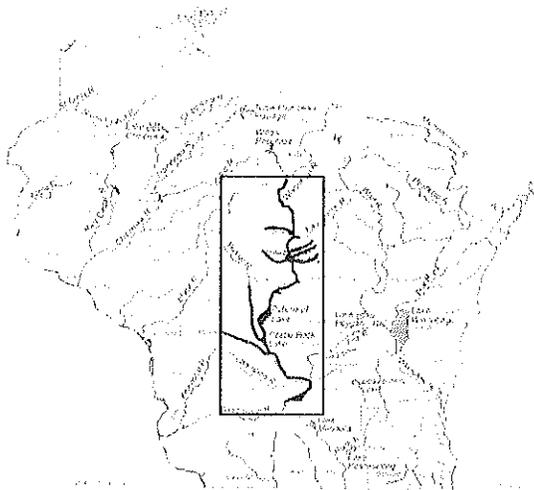
This proposal would make permanent a protected slot limit regulation on walleye, sauger, and hybrids where there is a daily bag limit of 5 fish and the minimum length is 15 inches, but fish from 20 to 28 inches may not be kept and only one fish over 28 inches is allowed. This regulation would apply with a *year-round open season* on:

- the Wisconsin River north of the Prairie du Sac Dam in Columbia County up to the Grandfather Dam in Lincoln County, including its sloughs, bayous, and flowages; and
- certain waters connected to the WI River: the Eau Claire River upstream to the Schofield Dam in Marathon County; the Yellow River to Lake Dexter Dam in Wood County; Buena Vista Creek to the Nepco Dam in Wood County; and the Lemonweir River in Juneau and Monroe counties.

The regulation has been in effect since 2002 and is scheduled to expire in 2014.

The walleye protected slot limit regulation would also be applied to additional waters connected to the Wisconsin River under this proposal, but the season would only be *open from the first Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March* for:

- the Big Rib River downstream from Highway 29, Peplin Creek, Johnson Creek, Little Eau Claire River, and Little Eau Pleine River in Marathon County; and
- the Little Eau Claire River and the Little Eau Pleine River in Portage County.



The management goal is to produce a walleye and sauger fishery that meets varied interests. It would allow harvest of 15- to 20-inch fish, a catch and release fishery for 20- to 28-inch fish, and harvest of trophy fish greater than 28 inches. Objectives include increasing the percentage (from 8% to 15-40%) and catch rate of fish 20 to 28 inches, and increasing the percentage (from 0.3% to 2%) of fish over 28 inches. This regulation is one tool to help meet the management goal because fisheries survey data have shown that the slot has not caused any decline in harvestable size fish, but a greater abundance of fish are now available for catch and release and there is greater opportunity for anglers to catch trophy walleye. Anglers have shown support for the regulation by extending its expiration date at the Fish and Wildlife Spring Hearings in 2006. In addition, biologists have talked with numerous angler groups and fishing clubs since the regulation was enacted over 10 years ago and the response has been overwhelmingly positive to continue the rule.

Do you favor making permanent a protected slot limit regulation with a year-round open season on walleye, sauger, and hybrids where there is a daily bag limit of 5 fish and the minimum length is 15

inches, but fish from 20 to 28 inches may not be kept and only one fish over 28 inches is allowed on the Wisconsin River and connected waters; and applying the same protected slot limit with an open season from the first Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March on the Big Rib River downstream from Highway 29, Peplin Creek, Johnson Creek, Little Eau Claire River, and Little Eau Pleine River in Marathon County; and the Little Eau Claire River and the Little Eau Pleine River in Portage County? (please see the background for additional boundary details)

8) Length Limit for Muskellunge in Lake Michigan waters

This proposal would apply a daily bag limit of 1 fish and a 54-inch minimum length limit on muskellunge in Green Bay, Lake Michigan, and its tributaries north of Waldo Boulevard (in Manitowoc) and the Menominee River upstream to the Hattie Street Dam. The current regulation is a 1-fish daily bag limit and 50-inch minimum length limit.

Department staff worked with interested anglers over the course of several meetings to develop a Green Bay Great Lakes Muskellunge Management Plan. During these meetings it was clear anglers desired to maximize the trophy potential of the Green Bay musky fishery by instituting a large minimum size limit. This 54" regulation is also used by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources to manage muskellunge populations with trophy growth potential. This desire was supported at previous Conservation Congress hearings: in 2008 as a local resolution and in 2009 as a Conservation Congress advisory question. The advisory question was supported statewide (2480 yes (52%) and 2260 no (48%)) and locally (3 Counties-yes, 2 Counties-no).

Survey and creel data show that the current 50-inch minimum length limit is likely effective in protecting the vast majority of muskellunge in Green Bay. The proposal for a 54-inch minimum length limit is driven by musky anglers who believe that harvest is impacting the population. Some believe this harvest may be one reason for the poor reproduction noted in Green Bay. The proposed 54-inch minimum length limit will support the management goal of a trophy muskellunge fishery.

Do you favor applying a daily bag limit of 1 fish and a 54-inch minimum length limit on muskellunge in Green Bay, Lake Michigan, and its tributaries north of Waldo Boulevard (in Manitowoc) and the Menominee River upstream to the Hattie Street Dam?

9) Sturgeon Spearing Hours on the Winnebago System

This proposal would shift the hours to legally spear sturgeon on lakes Winnebago, Butte des Morts, Winneconne, and Poygan from 6:30 AM - 12:30 PM and change it to 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM, and shift the daily deadline for sturgeon spearkers to register their fish from 1:30 PM to 2:00 PM. The season would not change, which begins the second Saturday in February and continues for up to 16 days. This proposal would take effect following publication of the final rule, before April 1, 2014.

This regulation will improve travel safety on these waters by allowing spearkers time to travel during lighted hours to their shanties in the morning. During the 2011 sturgeon spearing season, over 20 vehicles went through the ice partially because of bad visibility. The Winnebago Citizens Sturgeon Advisory Committee voted to support this proposal at its annual meeting in October 2011. The overall management goal is to provide an annual sturgeon spear fishery on the Winnebago System lakes that maximizes spearing opportunities and maintains annual harvest at or below 5% of the harvestable stock of lake sturgeon in the Winnebago System.

Do you favor changing the hours to legally spear sturgeon on lakes Winnebago, Butte des Morts, Winneconne, and Poygan from 6:30 AM - 12:30 PM to 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM, and change the daily deadline for sturgeon spearkers to register their fish from 1:30 PM to 2:00 PM?

10) Lead tackle restriction on Escanaba, Nebish, and Pallette lakes, Vilas County

The Natural Resources Board asked the Department in March 2011 to move forward with a pilot project to evaluate angler acceptance of non-toxic fishing tackle. Voting results for an advisory question to put lead restrictions on Escanaba, Nebish, and Pallette lakes at the 2012 Fish and Wildlife Spring Hearings were 1,646 people in support and 1,703 people opposed. However, the Natural Resources Board requested that the proposal be advanced as a rule.

The proposed pilot project would require anglers fishing Escanaba, Nebish, and Pallette lakes in the Northern Highlands Fishing Research Area in Vilas County to use non-lead sinkers, weights, and jig-heads if they weigh less than 1 ounce or are smaller than 1 inch in any dimension. The purpose of the project is to protect loons and other water birds that have been shown to ingest smaller sizes of tackle and to increase public awareness of the hazard that small sizes of lead-containing tackle pose to water birds.

Do you favor requiring anglers to use non-lead sinkers, weights, and jig-heads if they are less than 1-inch length in any dimension or less than 1-ounce in weight on Escanaba, Nebish, and Pallette lakes in Vilas County?

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11) Length and Bag Limits for Walleye on Silver Lake, Barron County

This proposal would apply a daily bag limit of 1 fish and a 28 inch minimum length limit on walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Silver Lake, Barron County. The current regulation is a 5-fish daily bag limit and 15-inch minimum length limit.

The management goal is to restore the adult walleye population and provide a trophy walleye fishery by increasing the proportion of fish over 20 inches from 16% to 50% and increasing fish over 26 inches from 1% to 10%. This regulation is one tool to help meet the management goal because it would protect walleye from harvest until reaching trophy length. Using lake survey data, it was found that overharvest of larger adult walleye has been occurring in recent years. Between 2007 and 2009, fish survey data showed a 57% decline in walleye over 20 inches and an 89% decline for walleye over 26 inches based on net catch rates.

A local resolution was introduced and passed at the 2009 spring conservation congress hearings requesting that the Department implement a 28-inch length limit with a daily bag limit of one fish. The regulation proposal was also supported as a statewide Conservation Congress advisory question in 2010.

Do you favor applying a daily bag limit of 1 fish and a 28-inch minimum length limit on walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Silver Lake, Barron County?

12) Length and Bag Limits for Northern Pike in Diamond Lake, Bayfield County

This proposal would apply a daily bag limit of 2 fish and a 26-inch minimum length limit on northern pike on Diamond Lake, Bayfield County. The current regulation is a 1-fish daily bag limit and 32-inch minimum length limit. A Conservation Congress advisory question to change the northern pike regulations on Diamond Lake was supported by spring hearing attendees in 2011.

The management goal is to restore the northern pike population while allowing angler harvest. One objective is to increase the proportion of larger (28-inch) fish from about 4% to 20% of the population. This regulation is one tool to help meet the management goal because it would allow additional angler harvest of large pike and improve growth rates in order to provide a pike fishery with a mix of ages and sizes. At the same time, northern pike would help provide biological control for smelt populations. Fisheries data show that the current restrictive regulation is not meeting management goal objectives and anglers have expressed the desire to harvest a limited number of northern pike.

Do you favor applying a daily bag limit of 2 fish and a 26-inch minimum length limit on northern pike on Diamond Lake, Bayfield County?

13) Predator fish in Park Lake and the Fox River, Columbia County

This proposal would apply a 3-fish daily bag limit and 18-inch minimum length limit on walleye, sauger and hybrids; a 1-fish daily bag limit and 18-inch minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass; and a 1-fish daily bag limit and a 32-inch minimum length limit on northern pike on Park Lake and the Fox River upstream to the Highway 33 bridge, Columbia County.

The management goal is to maintain low numbers of detrimental species, specifically common carp and gizzard shad, with the desired outcome of improving water clarity. This regulation proposal will help to meet the management goal because it is expected to increase the number and size of sight-feeding predator game fish, including northern pike, largemouth bass, and walleye, in Park Lake and the Fox River. Detrimental fish degrade water clarity by disturbing lake bottom sediment through their feeding behavior. Preventing harvest of predator fish will allow them to remain in the fishery and consume larger numbers of detrimental fish, thereby reducing populations to lower levels.

Increasing the number of bass, pike, and walleye is an objective in the Park Lake Comprehensive Management Plan approved by the Department in 2009. Stocking alone has not increased these predator game fish numbers sufficiently to control detrimental fish. Chemical treatment of the lake to control detrimental species is expensive and not popular with residents and stakeholders. Similar regulations have successfully helped to control detrimental fish on other lakes in Wisconsin, including Yellowstone Lake in Lafayette County and Silver Lake in Manitowoc County.

Do you favor applying a 3-fish daily bag limit and 18-inch minimum length limit for walleye, sauger and hybrids; a 1-fish daily bag limit and 18-inch minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass; and a 1-fish daily bag limit and a 32-inch minimum length limit on northern pike on Park Lake and the Fox River upstream to the Highway 33 bridge in Columbia County?

14) Urban fishing program designations in Dane County

This proposal would designate Syene Ponds (0.1 acre and 0.2 acre near Madison) and Token Creek Ponds (0.4 acres and 0.3 acres near Deforest), Dane County, as urban fishing waters with the following regulations:

- year round season only for youth 15 years of age and younger and certain disabled anglers,
- no length limits, and
- daily bag limits of 3 trout; 1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, sauger, walleye-sauger hybrid, or northern pike; and 10 panfish.

The goal of the urban fishing program is to make fishing opportunities more readily available and encourage more people, especially children and disabled, to go fishing. These lakes have been managed as put-and-take fishing opportunities for trout.

Do you favor designating Syene Ponds and Token Creek Ponds in Dane County as urban fishing waters?

15) Length and Bag Limits for Walleye on Beaver Dam Lake and Mill Creek, Dodge County

This proposal would make permanent a daily bag limit of 3 fish and an 18-inch minimum length limit on Beaver Dam Lake and its tributaries, including Mill Creek from the mouth upstream to the Fox Lake dam and all portions of Beaver Creek. The regulation has been in effect since 2002 and is scheduled to expire in 2014.

The management goal is to continue to provide larger walleye for angling opportunities as well as for predation on carp and bullhead populations. With this regulation in place for the past 10 years, the goal was met of increasing the proportion of walleye greater than 18-inches from 0.2% to 7%. This regulation is one tool to continue to meet the management goal because it provides a harvestable walleye fishery while protecting larger fish from harvest that serve as predators for carp and other rough fish. It is part of a management plan for Beaver Dam Lake that was developed through extensive outreach and planning between the Department, the Beaver Dam Lake Association, and the Beaver Dam Lake Citizen Advisory Committee. In addition to the regulation, the management plan includes mechanical rough fish removal and stocking of predator fish.

Do you favor making permanent a daily bag limit of 3 fish and an 18-inch minimum length limit on Beaver Dam Lake and its tributaries, including Mill Creek from the mouth upstream to the Fox Lake dam and all portions of Beaver Creek in Dodge County?

16) Length Limits for Walleye on Minong Flowage and Cranberry Lake, Douglas and Washburn Counties

This proposal would apply a 5-fish daily bag limit and no minimum length limit, with only 1 fish over 14 inches allowed, to walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Minong Flowage, Douglas and Washburn counties. The regulation would apply upstream to the confluence of the Totagatic River with Bergen creek in Washburn County and to the connected Cranberry Lake in Douglas County. The current regulation is a 5-fish daily bag limit and 15-inch minimum length limit..

The management goal is to maintain a self-sustained, high density walleye population, including increasing the adult population estimates to greater than 3 walleye per acre. This regulation proposal is one tool to help meet the management goal because it would allow anglers the opportunity to harvest abundant walleye that are less than 14 inches. Growth rates and size structure of adult walleye have progressively declined since a 15-inch minimum size limit was initiated in 1990. Allowing harvest of the smaller, more abundant segment of the walleye population should allow better utilization of the fishery resource by anglers and increase overall growth rates of walleye. Increased growth rates should improve the size structure and provide more opportunity to catch large fish.

Do you favor applying a 5-fish daily bag limit and no minimum length limit, with only 1 fish over 14 inches allowed, to walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Minong Flowage and Cranberry Lake, Washburn and Douglas counties?

17) Length and Bag Limits for Walleye on Lake Nebagamon, Douglas County

This proposal would apply a daily bag limit of 3 fish and an 18-inch minimum length limit on walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Lake Nebagamon, Douglas County. The current regulation is a 5-fish daily bag limit and 15-inch minimum length limit.

The management goal is to increase the number and improve the size structure of walleye, providing a fishery with a mix of ages and sizes in Lake Nebagamon. Objectives include increasing the proportion of adult walleyes over 20 inches from 12% to 20%, and increasing walleye abundance from 1.3 fish per acre to 3 fish per acre. This regulation is one tool to help meet the management goal because increased minimum length limits help to maintain or increase the density of larger adult fish and improve reproduction. Female walleye could spawn at least two years before becoming vulnerable to angler harvest. This regulation change is part of a cooperative initiative with the Lake Nebagamon Association and the Village of Lake Nebagamon, which also includes plans for stocking and habitat improvement.

Do you favor applying a daily bag limit of 3 fish and an 18-inch minimum length limit on walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Lake Nebagamon, Douglas County?

18) Bass protected slot size limit on Half Moon Lake, Eau Claire County

This proposal would apply a daily bag limit of 3 fish and no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass, however all bass from 14 to 18 inches must be released and only 1 fish greater than 18 inches is allowed in Half Moon Lake, Eau Claire County. The current regulation is 14-inch minimum length limit and daily bag limit of 5 fish.

The management goal is to improve bass growth and size structure, increasing the proportion of quality sized fish from 9% to 40% of the population and providing a bass fishery with a mix of ages and sizes in Half Moon Lake. This regulation is one tool to help meet the management goal because increased harvest of small, slow growing bass that are in the 10 to 12-inch range is expected to increase angler satisfaction as well as improve bass size structure by reducing their competition for food and habitat. Bass 14 to 18 inches will remain and be able to grow to larger sizes. Currently, most of the largemouth bass in Half Moon Lake are less than 14 inches, which prevents anglers from harvesting abundant, slow growing bass. That has created a sub-optimal bass fishery with poor growth, size structure, and condition.

Do you favor applying a daily bag limit of 3 fish and no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass, however all bass from 14 to 18 inches must be released and only 1 fish greater than 18 inches is allowed, on Half Moon Lake in Eau Claire County?

19) Length and Bag Limits for Walleye on Patten Lake, Florence County

This proposal would apply a daily bag limit of 5 fish and a 15-inch minimum length limit on walleye, sauger, and hybrids in Patten Lake, Florence County, simplifying regulations to match general statewide

walleye rules. The current regulation is a 5-fish daily bag limit and no minimum length limit, but only one fish over 14 inches is allowed.

The management goal is to protect the young walleye population and increase adult walleye abundance, eventually increasing the adult walleye population from 0.97 to 3-6 fish per acre. This regulation is one tool to help meet the management goal because young walleye will be protected from harvest. The walleye population is currently at its historic low level in Patten Lake. The current regulation has resulted in unsustainable walleye harvest. This change should help to increase the adult population and provide continued angling opportunity.

Do you favor applying a daily bag limit of 5 fish and a 15-inch minimum length limit on walleye, sauger, and hybrids in Patten Lake, Florence County?

20) Bass protected slot size limit on Trump Lake, Forest County

This proposal would apply a daily bag limit of 3 fish and no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass, however all bass from 14 to 18 inches must be released and only 1 fish greater than 18 inches is allowed in Trump Lake, Forest County. The current regulation is 18-inch minimum length limit and daily bag limit of 1 fish. A Conservation Congress advisory question to change the bass regulations on Trump Lake was supported by spring hearing attendees in 2011.

The management goal is to improve bass growth and size structure, providing a bass fishery with a mix of ages and sizes in Trump Lake. One objective is to increase the proportion of bass at 14 inches from 3% to over 15% within the next 10 years. This regulation is one tool to help meet the management goal because increased harvest of small (<14 inch) bass is expected to increase angler satisfaction as well as improve bass size structure by reducing their competition for food and habitat. Bass 14 to 18 inches will remain and be able to grow to larger sizes.

Do you favor applying a daily bag limit of 3 fish and no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass, however all bass from 14 to 18 inches must be released and only 1 fish greater than 18 inches is allowed, on Trump Lake in Forest County?

21) Length and Bag Limits for Walleye on Sandy Beach Lake, Iron County

This proposal would apply a daily bag limit of 5 fish and a 15-inch minimum length limit on walleye, sauger, and hybrids in Sandy Beach Lake, Iron County, simplifying regulations to match general statewide walleye rules. The current regulation is a 5-fish daily bag limit and no minimum length limit but only 1 fish over 14 inches may be kept.

The management goal is to maintain walleye as the dominant sport fish in Sandy Beach Lake by protecting young walleye and increasing the adult walleye from 1.5 to 2-3 per acre. This regulation proposal is one tool to help meet the management goal because immature walleye will be protected from harvest, thus giving them an opportunity to grow and mature into the adult population. This will increase their opportunity to consume competitors and potential predators. A higher abundance of walleye will provide additional angling opportunities, while helping to achieve a more balanced fish community.

Do you favor applying a daily bag limit of 5 fish and a 15-inch minimum length limit on walleye, sauger, and hybrids in Sandy Beach Lake, Iron County?

22) Length and Bag Limits for Northern Pike on Lake Six, Iron County

This proposal would apply a daily bag limit of 5 fish and no minimum length limit for northern pike on Lake Six in Iron County, simplifying regulations to match current northern zone rules. The current regulation is a 2-fish daily bag limit and 26-inch minimum length limit.

The management goal is to reduce northern pike density in order to improve pike growth rates and size, increasing the proportion of quality size fish (21 inches or greater) to 30-50% of the population. Reducing pike density will also decrease predation on panfish, which are currently at very low abundances, and provide additional panfish angling opportunities. This regulation is one tool to help meet the management goal because allowing additional harvest of any size pike will reduce competition for food and habitat among overabundant northern pike. With fewer predators, the regulation will also promote better panfish survival.

Do you favor applying a daily bag limit of 5 fish and no minimum length limit for northern pike on Lake Six, Iron County?

23) Length and Bag Limits for Catfish in Yellowstone Lake, Lafayette County

This proposal would apply a daily bag limit of 10 fish and no minimum length limit on catfish and open the catfish season year round in Yellowstone Lake, Lafayette County, simplifying regulations to match general statewide rules. The current regulation is a 2-fish daily bag limit in combination with walleye or bass and only catfish between 15 and 24 inches may be kept.

The management goal is to maintain channel catfish populations at 10 to 15 fish per acre. The channel catfish population is currently at 23 catfish per acre. This regulation is one tool to help meet the management goal because it will allow more harvest of catfish and lower the risk of parasites or disease developing within the catfish population. It also opens up the opportunity to fish for catfish species all year.

Do you favor applying a daily bag limit of 10 fish and no minimum length limit on catfish and open the catfish season year round in Yellowstone Lake, Lafayette County?

24) Lake Tomah rehabilitation and predator protection, Monroe County

This proposal would apply a daily bag limit of 1 fish and an 18-inch minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass, as well as a 1 fish daily bag limit and 32-inch minimum length limit on northern pike in Lake Tomah, Monroe County. Currently, the regulations are a daily bag limit of 5 and a 14-inch length limit for bass and a daily bag limit of 2 and a 26-inch length limit for pike.

The management goal is to protect large predator fish from harvest in order to maximize predation on smaller fishes and complete a chemical treatment plan. In October 2009, Lake Tomah was chemically treated to eliminate a carp-dominated fishery that was negatively impacting habitat and water quality. This regulation is one tool to help meet the management goal because the increased length limits should reduce angler harvest of large fish and protect against re-invasion of carp.

Meetings were held over two years with local stakeholders, including local Conservation Congress representatives, Lake Tomah Lake Association members, citizens, and anglers. These stakeholders are in favor of this regulation change for Lake Tomah.

Do you favor applying a daily bag limit of 1 fish and an 18-inch minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass, as well as a daily bag limit of 1 fish and 32-inch minimum length limit on northern pike in Lake Tomah, Monroe County?

25) Bag Limit for Panfish in Thompson Lake, Pepin County

This proposal would apply a daily bag limit of 25 fish and no minimum length limit for panfish on Thompson Lake, Pepin County, simplifying regulations to match general statewide rules. The current regulation is a 10-fish daily bag limit and no minimum length limit.

The goal is to simplify the regulation where a special regulation has not been working. The results of a ten-year investigation found that the current 10-fish daily bag limit did not improve the range of panfish sizes due to slow growth rates.

Do you favor applying a daily bag limit of 25 fish and no minimum length limit for panfish on Thompson Lake, Pepin County, simplifying regulations to match general statewide rules?

26) No minimum length limit for bass on Balsam Lake, Polk County

This proposal would apply a daily bag limit of 5 fish and no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass on Balsam Lake, Polk County. The current regulation is a 5-fish daily bag limit and 14-inch minimum length limit.

The management goal is to reduce numbers of over-abundant small (<14 inch) largemouth bass to improve bass growth and size structure, providing a bass fishery with a mix of ages and sizes in Balsam Lake. This regulation proposal is one tool to help meet the management goal because it will allow anglers additional harvest of abundant small bass and improve bass size structure by reducing their competition for food and habitat. The previous length regulation restricting harvest to only one bass less than 14 inches expired in 2012 and was ineffective in improving size structure and growth.

Do you favor applying a daily bag limit of 5 fish and no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass on Balsam Lake, Polk County?

27) Urban fishing program designation in Rock County

This proposal would designate Lions Park Pond (12 acres) in Janesville, Rock County, as an urban fishing water with the following regulations:

- year round season – but a special season mid-March to mid-April only for youth 15 years of age and younger and certain disabled anglers,
- no length limits, and
- daily bag limits of 3 trout; 1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, sauger, walleye-sauger hybrid, or northern pike; and 10 panfish.

The goal of the urban fishing program is to make fishing opportunities more readily available and encourage more people, especially children and disabled, to go fishing. Lions Park Pond has been managed as a put-and-take fishing opportunity for trout.

Do you favor designating Lions Park Pond in Rock County as an urban fishing water?

28) Length and Bag Limits for Bass and Walleye in Big Chetac Lake, Sawyer County

This proposal would apply a daily bag limit of 5 fish and no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass and a daily bag limit of 3 fish and 18-inch minimum length limit on walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Big Chetac Lake, Sawyer County. The current regulation is a 5-fish daily bag limit and 14-inch minimum length limit for bass and 5-fish daily bag limit and 15-inch minimum length limit for walleye.

The management goal is to maintain a self-sustaining walleye-dominated fish community. Objectives include increasing the proportion of larger bass (14 inches) from 26% to 40-50%, and increasing the number of adult walleye from 1.48 fish per acre to 3-6 adult fish per acre. This regulation proposal is one tool to help meet the management goal because it is expected to reduce bass density through additional angler harvest opportunities, improve bass population size structure, reduce walleye mortality, and increase walleye recruitment to desired levels in subsequent years. It will encourage increased harvest of largemouth bass and increased protection of walleye.

Do you favor applying a daily bag limit of 5 fish and no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass and a daily bag limit of 3 fish and 18-inch minimum length limit on walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Big Chetac Lake, Sawyer County?

29) Bass protected slot size limit on Bass Lake, St. Croix County

This proposal would apply a daily bag limit of 3 fish and no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass, however all bass from 14 to 18 inches must be released and only 1 fish greater than 18 inches is allowed on Bass Lake, St. Croix County. The current regulation is 14-inch minimum length limit and daily bag limit of 5 fish.

The management goal is to improve bass growth rates and size structure, providing a bass fishery with a mix of ages and sizes in Bass Lake. Small bass are overabundant in Bass Lake, and fish greater than the current 14-inch minimum size limit are considered scarce. One objective is to reduce the density of 8-inch and greater bass from 96-115 per mile to 30-70 per mile. This regulation is one tool to help meet management goals because increased harvest of small (<14 inch) bass is expected to improve bass growth rates and angler satisfaction, as well as improve the range of bass sizes by reducing competition for food and habitat. Bass 14 to 18 inches will remain protected and be able to grow to larger sizes.

The 2009 Bass Lake Rehabilitation and Management District Lake Management Plan recommends changing the standard statewide 14-inch bass size limit regulation to a 14- to 18-inch protected slot size limit in an attempt to improve juvenile walleye stock survival and restore the quality of bass populations. This regulation is also supported by members of the St. Croix County Alliance of Sportsmen Clubs and the Conservation Congress.

Do you favor applying a daily bag limit of 3 fish and no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass, however all bass from 14 to 18 inches must be released and only 1 fish greater than 18 inches is allowed on Bass Lake in St. Croix County?

30) Control of Exotic Species in Sparkling Lake, Vilas County

This proposal would make permanent the current 1-fish daily bag limit and 18-inch minimum length limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Sparkling Lake, Vilas County. In addition, the daily bag limit would change to 3 fish and the minimum length limit would be reduced to 18 inches for walleye, sauger, and hybrids.

The management goal is to control rainbow smelt and rusty crayfish numbers through increased predation and to provide a good fishery. These regulations are tools to help meet the management goal because it will help restore the natural fish and plant community that was present prior to the invasion of these two exotic species. Objectives include creating a bass fishery with 1 adult per acre and a walleye fishery with 6 fish per acre.

Special regulations for bass and walleye have been in place since 2002 and are due to expire in 2014. They should be maintained to keep game fish populations as high as possible, while allowing angler harvest, and to continue an ongoing study by University of Wisconsin-Madison researchers and the Department on the control of exotic species. These regulations will assist researchers in detecting the impacts of game fish on the exotic species present. It is hoped that the information gained from this intensive cooperative project can be applied to control exotics in other waters of the state.

Do you favor maintaining the 1-fish daily bag limit and 18-inch minimum length limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass and applying a 3-fish daily bag limit and 18-inch minimum length limit for walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Sparkling Lake, Vilas County?

31) Urban fishing program designation in Waukesha County

This proposal would designate Lapham Peak Pond (0.8 acres) in the Southern Kettle Moraine State Forest, Waukesha County, as an urban fishing water with the following regulations:

- year round season – but a special season mid-March to mid-April only for youth 15 years of age and younger and certain disabled anglers,
- no length limits, and
- daily bag limits of 3 trout; 1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, sauger, walleye-sauger hybrid, or northern pike; and 10 panfish.

The goal of the urban fishing program is to make fishing opportunities more readily available and encourage more people, especially children and disabled, to go fishing. Lapham Peak Pond is a newly developed pond in the state forest with a maximum depth of 10 feet and easy access to water and facilities.

Do you favor designating Lapham Peak Pond in Waukesha County as an urban fishing water?

32) Bag Limit for Panfish on Little Hills Lake, Waushara County

This proposal would apply a 10-fish daily bag limit for panfish on Little Hills Lake, Waushara County. The current daily bag limit is 25 panfish.

The management goal is to reduce harvest of bluegill and improve size structure of the population, providing a fishery with a mix of bluegill ages and sizes. This regulation proposal is one tool to help meet the management goal because a reduced bag limit should give some harvest protection to the slowly recovering bluegill fishery in Little Hills Lake and increase the proportion of quality size fish to over 40%. The largemouth and smallmouth bass size limit was removed in the fall of 2005 and an improvement in the mix of sizes of bluegill has been seen. This proposal is intended to give bluegill some added protection. Biologists have discussed this recommendation with local lake associations that are in favor of these changes. In 2012, attendees of the Fish and Wildlife Spring Hearings supported a Conservation Congress advisory question to apply a 10-bag panfish limit in Little Hills Lake.

Do you favor applying a daily bag limit of 10 for panfish on Little Hills Lake, Waushara County?

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

1. Type of Estimate and Analysis

Original Updated Corrected

2. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number

Sections of chs. NR 20, 21, 22, and 23 related to fishing in inland, outlying, and boundary waters

3. Subject

The rule will make changes to fish size limits, bag limits, seasons, and other regulations related to fishing in inland, outlying, and boundary waters

4. Fund Sources Affected

GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

5. Chapter 20, Stats. Appropriations Affected

6. Fiscal Effect of Implementing the Rule

No Fiscal Effect Increase Existing Revenues Increase Costs
 Indeterminate Decrease Existing Revenues Could Absorb Within Agency's Budget
 Decrease Cost

7. The Rule Will Impact the Following (Check All That Apply)

State's Economy Specific Businesses/Sectors
 Local Government Units Public Utility Rate Payers
 Small Businesses (if checked, complete Attachment A)

8. Would Implementation and Compliance Costs Be Greater Than \$20 million?

Yes No

9. Policy Problem Addressed by the Rule

Rule changes are proposed to protect and enhance the State's fish resources.

10. Summary of the businesses, business sectors, associations representing business, local governmental units, and individuals that may be affected by the proposed rule that were contacted for comments.

The proposed rule will primarily affect sport anglers. The Department contacted organizations with an interest in fishing, such as the WI Conservation Congress, the WI Association of Lakes, the WI Council of Sport Fishing Organizations, Walleyes for Tomorrow, and many others for comments on the rule's economic impact. In addition, the WI Towns Association, League of WI Municipalities, and WI Counties Association were contacted for comments. No comments were received by the Department.

11. Identify the local governmental units that participated in the development of this EIA.

The economic impact open comment period was conducted from November 23 to December 7, 2012. No local governments commented on the rule and therefore no LGUs participated in the development of the EIA.

12. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Specific Businesses, Business Sectors, Public Utility Rate Payers, Local Governmental Units and the State's Economy as a Whole (Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

It is not expected that there will be any economic impact directly related to these rule changes. The proposed rule will primarily affect sport anglers. Regulations are already in place and this rule is intended to continue protection and enhancement of the State's fish resources. One intention of the rule is to help maintain or improve the general economic impact of fishing throughout Wisconsin.

The proposed rule does not impose any compliance or reporting requirements on small businesses nor are any design or operational standards contained in the rule. The rule does not allow for the potential to establish a reduced fine for small businesses, nor does it establish "alternative enforcement mechanisms" for "minor violations" of administrative rules made by small businesses.

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13. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule

Fishing regulations are in place to help meet management goals and objectives for waters and their fish species, such as providing a trophy walleye fishery or a bass fishery that maximizes predation on smaller fishes. New regulations are proposed when management goals have changed or the Department must address a critical need, such as a major fish population decline. They are based on input solicited from stakeholders when the proposals were developed as well as plans for evaluating the regulations after they are in place. Alternatives, such as not making the regulation changes that are included in rule, have been discussed by Fisheries Management Bureau policy staff but are not recommended in order to meet fisheries management goals. As stated in s. NR 1.01(2), Wis. Adm. Code, the Department's goal is "to provide opportunities for the optimum use and enjoyment of Wisconsin's aquatic resources, both sport and commercial. A healthy and diverse environment is essential to meet this goal and shall be promoted through management programs."

14. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

The existing policy behind fishing regulations is to provide diverse fishing opportunities throughout the State and that policy will be continued and enhanced by these rule changes. Based on the management goals for individual waters and species, the Fisheries Management Program strives to provide:

- consumptive opportunities where anglers can fish for a meal from a self-sustained fish population;
- quality and memorable opportunities where anglers can catch large fish and the density of adult fish in the populations are sustained or increased; and
- trophy opportunities where anglers can catch large trophy-size fish and the survival of older and larger fish is increased.

15. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government

Authority to promulgate fishing regulations is granted to states. None of the proposed changes violate or conflict with federal regulations.

16. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota)

Fisheries management rules are generally similar in the states surrounding Wisconsin. Each bordering state regulates fishing by the use of seasons, bag limits and size limits. Specific seasons and bag and size limits may differ for species among the surrounding states, but the general principles are similar. Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, and Illinois all have statewide seasons and bag and size limits for fish species, along with special or experimental regulations on individual waters. The Department meets with the Michigan and Minnesota departments of natural resources each year to discuss management and regulation changes.

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**ORDER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD
REPEALING, AMENDING, AND CREATING RULES**

Wisconsin Natural Resources Board proposes an order to repeal NR 20.03(30), 20.06(1), 20.20(1)(a), 20.20(2)(a), 20.20(3)(a), 20.20(6)(a), 20.20(7)(a), 20.20(7)(f), 20.20(9)(a), 20.20(9)(d), 20.20(10)(a), 20.20(10)(c), 20.20(11)(a), 20.20(12)(a), 20.20(13)(a), 20.20(14)(a), 20.20(15)(a), 20.20(17)(a), 20.20(18)(a), 20.20(19)(a), 20.20(21)(a), 20.20(22)(a), 20.20(24)(a), 20.20(25)(a), 20.20(27)(a), 20.20(28)(a), 20.20(29)(a), 20.20(29)(e), 20.20(32)(a), 20.20(33)(a), 20.20(34)(c), 20.20(35)(e), 20.20(36)(c), 20.20(37)(a), 20.20(37)(f), 20.20(38)(a), 20.20(39)(a), 20.20(43)(a), 20.20(44)(a), 20.20(47)(a), 20.20(47)(dm), 20.20(48)(a), 20.20(49)(a), 20.20(49)(d), 20.20(50)(a), 20.20(50)(e), 20.20(51)(a), 20.20(53)(a), 20.20(55)(a), 20.20(55)(c), 20.20(56)(a), 20.20(57)(a), 20.20(58)(a), 20.20(60)(a), 20.20(60)(f), 20.20(61)(a), 20.20(61)(b), 20.20(66)(a), 20.20(66)(e), 20.20(69)(a), 20.20(71)(a), 20.20(72)(a), 20.20(72)(e); to amend NR 20.03(40), 20.05(3), 20.09(1), 20.09(2), 20.10(10), 20.10(10m), 20.15(1), 20.20(1)(h)1., 20.20(2)(b), 20.20(3)(d), 20.20(4)(a), 20.20(4)(c), 20.20(4)(e), 20.20(5)(f), 20.20(6)(e), 20.20(7)(c), 20.20(8)(b), 20.20(11)(k)1., 20.20(14)(f)2., 20.20(15)(b)2., 20.20(16)(a), 20.20(16)(c), 20.20(16)(f), 20.20(16)(h)3., 20.20(17)(e), 20.20(18)(e), 20.20(19)(c), 20.20(19)(e), 20.20(20)(d), 20.20(21)(c), 20.20(24)(f), 20.20(26)(a), 20.20(26)(c)1., 20.20(26)(c)3., 20.20(26)(g)3., 20.20(27)(f), 20.20(29)(h)1., 20.20(30)(a), 20.20(31)(a), 20.20(32)(e), 20.20(33)(am), 20.20(33)(b), 20.20(33)(g)2., 20.20(34)(a), 20.20(34)(b), 20.20(35)(a), 20.20(35)(b)1., 20.20(35)(g)1m., 20.20(37)(i), 20.20(38)(b), 20.20(38)(d), 20.20(42)(d), 20.20(42)(f)1., 20.20(43)(d), 20.20(44)(b), 20.20(45)(a), 20.20(45)(e), 20.20(47)(e), 20.20(49)(am)2., 20.20(49)(f)2., 20.20(50)(h), 20.20(51)(b), 20.20(52)(a), 20.20(54)(a), 20.20(55)(b), 20.20(56)(j)2., 20.20(57)(d), 20.20(57)(g), 20.20(58)(e), 20.20(59)(a), 20.20(60)(b)2., 20.20(62)(b), 20.20(64)(c), 20.20(64)(h)9., 20.20(65)(a), 20.20(66)(bm), 20.20(66)(g)1., 20.20(67)(a), 20.20(68)(a), 20.20(69)(e), 20.20(70)(dm), 20.20(70)(e), 20.20(71)(e), 20.20(72)(h)1., 20.20(73)(a), 20.20(73)(f), 20.20(73)(g)1., 20.20(73)(L)6., 20.35(3), 20.36(2), 23.05(5)(d), 23.05(5)(e), 23.055(2), 23.08; and to create NR 20.15(1m), 20.15(4), 20.20(3)(f)2., 20.20(11)(e)3., 20.20(11)(g)3., 20.20(13)(a)2., 20.20(16)(h)4., 20.20(18)(c)2., 20.20(39)(e), 20.20(42)(b)2., 20.20(42)(c)2., 20.20(57)(i)6., 20.41(4) relating to fishing regulations on inland, outlying, and boundary waters of Wisconsin.

FH-18-12

Analysis Prepared by Department of Natural Resources

1. Statutes interpreted. Sections 29.014(1), 29.041, and 29.053(2), Stats., have been interpreted as giving the department the authority to make changes to fishing regulations on inland, outlying, and boundary waters of Wisconsin.

2. Statutory authority. ss. 29.014(1), 29.041, and 29.053(2), Stats.

3. Explanation of agency authority to promulgate the proposed rules under the statutory authority. Section 29.014(1), Stats., directs the department to establish and maintain conditions governing the taking of fish that will conserve the fish supply and ensure the citizens of this state continued opportunities for good fishing.

Section 29.041, Stats., provides that the department may regulate fishing on and in all interstate boundary waters and outlying waters.

Section 29.053(2), Stats., provides that the department may establish conditions governing the taking of fish for the state as a whole, for counties or parts of counties, or for waterbodies or parts of waterbodies. It also allows the department to establish a fishing season on specified bodies of water in certain urban areas to allow fishing only by persons who are under 16 years old or who are disabled, as specified in s. 29.193(3)(a), (b), or (c), Stats.

4. Related statutes or rules. Section 29.039, Stats., Nongame species

5. Plain language analysis of the proposed rule.

The proposed rule would make modifications to portions of chs. NR 20, 21, 22, and 23 pertaining to sport fishing regulations on inland, outlying, and boundary waters of Wisconsin. These changes are proposed to protect and enhance the State's fish resources. Please note, some elements of ch. NR 20 in this Board Order are anticipated to be amended prior to this rule by Natural Resources Board Order FH-19-12, a housekeeping rule.

The existing policy behind fishing regulations is to provide diverse fishing opportunities throughout the State and that policy will be continued and enhanced by these rule changes. Based on the management goals for individual waters and species, the Fisheries Management Program strives to provide:

- consumptive opportunities where anglers can fish for a meal from a self-sustained fish population;
- quality and memorable opportunities where anglers can catch large fish and the density of adult fish in the populations are sustained or increased; and
- trophy opportunities where anglers can catch large trophy-size fish and the survival of older and larger fish is increased.

Sections 1, 2, 4, 11, 12, 14, 16, 19, 23, 25, 29, 31, 33, 37, 38, 40, 42, 44, 49, 51, 54, 58, 60, 61, 63, 68, 70, 71, 74, 76, 78, 82, 85, 90, 93, 96, 104, 106, 108, 112, 116, 119, 121, 122, 123, 124, 127, 129, 133, 135, 136, 139, 144, 145, 149, 150, 151, 155, 157, 160 and 170 allow fishing by the method of trolling on all inland waters with up to three hooks, baits, or lures. Trolling means trailing a lure or bait from a boat propelled by a means other than drifting, pedaling, paddling, or rowing. Trolling is currently allowed for certain disabled anglers by special permit and on all waters in 19 counties; on one or more waters in 45 counties (105 total waters); and on all boundary waters with IA, MN, and MI except in Vilas County boundary waters with MI. In addition to Wisconsin waters, trolling is already allowed in all surrounding states and provinces with no known adverse effects. Allowing trolling statewide would simplify regulations by eliminating confusion about where trolling is allowed, allow moving boats to trail behind suckers or minnows while occupants are casting (a form of trolling) on all waters, eliminate the need to define position fishing (fishing in a manner where the line extends vertically into the water while the boat is maneuvered by the use of a motor), eliminate the need for disabled anglers to have to apply for trolling permits, and provide additional fishing opportunities for anglers who may have difficulty fishing by other methods.

Sections 3, 5, 9, and 10 allow rough fish to be taken by hand year round or by hand spear from June 1 to August 31, where spearing is allowed, on inland waters within 200 feet of a fishway, lock, or dam. This would expand fishing opportunities for rough fish that are considered undesirable in Wisconsin waters. Anglers may currently only use hook and line to take fish, including rough fish, within 200 feet of a fishway, lock, or dam.

Sections 7 and 8 alter the hours to legally spear sturgeon on lakes Winnebago, Butte des Morts, Winneconne, and Poygan from 6:30 AM - 12:30 PM to 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM, and change the daily deadline for sturgeon spearkers to register their fish from 1:30 PM to 2:00 PM. The season would not change, which begins the second Saturday in February and continues for up to 16 days. This change addresses sunlight and visibility safety concerns while anglers are traveling on the frozen lake.

Sections 13, 36, 73, 88, 92, 101, 118, 128, and 159 make permanent a protected slot limit regulation on walleye, sauger, and hybrids where there is a daily bag limit of 5 fish and the minimum length is 15 inches, but fish from 20 to 28 inches may not be kept and only 1 fish over 28 inches is allowed. The season is open year round. The regulation would apply to the Wisconsin River north of the Prairie du Sac Dam in Columbia County up to the Grandfather Dam in Lincoln County. The regulation also applies to the river's sloughs, bayous, and flowages and certain connected waters: the Eau Claire River upstream to the Schofield Dam in Marathon County; the Yellow River to Lake Dexter Dam and Buena Vista Creek to the Nepco Dam in Wood County, and the Lemonweir River in Juneau and Monroe counties. The regulation has been in effect since 2002 and is scheduled to expire in 2014. The walleye protected slot

limit regulation would also be applied to additional waters connected to the Wisconsin River under this proposal, but the season would only be open from the first Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March. Those waters are the Big Rib River downstream from Highway 29, Peplin Creek, Johnson Creek, Little Eau Claire River, and Little Eau Pleine River in Marathon County; and the Little Eau Claire River and the Little Eau Pleine River in Portage County. The regulation provides harvest, catch-and-release, and trophy fishing opportunities.

Sections 15, 20, 26, 45, 59, 64, 83, 86, 94, 105, 120, 126, 130, 142, 146, 161, 164, and 167 would remove the Northern Bass Management Zone early catch and release season for largemouth bass and allow their harvest under existing size and bag limits. Currently both largemouth and smallmouth bass must be released if caught in the Northern Bass Zone from the first Saturday in May to the Friday preceding the third Saturday in June. This change would mean that smallmouth bass must be immediately released during the early catch and release season but largemouth bass may be harvested beginning the first Saturday in May so long as the length and bag limits are followed. This proposal affects all waters that currently have an early catch and release season for bass in the Zone, including Lake Superior and its connected sloughs and the Kakagon River, tributaries to Lake Michigan north of STH 29 in Door and Kewaunee counties, and Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. The Northern Bass Zone includes waters north of State Trunk Highway (STH) 77 from its bridge over the St. Croix River east to STH 27, south on STH 27 to STH 64, east on STH 64 to where it ends in the City of Marinette and continuing due east to the shore of Green Bay and all waters north of STH 29 from its bridge over the Fox River east to where it ends in the City of Kewaunee.

Sections 6, 17, 22, 24, 27, 28, 30, 32, 43, 46, 50, 53, 55, 57, 62, 66, 69, 72, 75, 77, 84, 87, 89, 91, 95, 97, 100, 102, 103, 107, 110, 111, 114, 117, 125, 131, 134, 138, 140, 141, 147, 152, 154, 156, 158, and 163 simplify rough fish spearing season dates on inland waters statewide by opening waters in all but 9 northern counties to rough fish spearing year-round. The following areas will now be open to rough fish spearing year-round:

- 61 counties that currently have any open season for rough fish spearing,
- Pierce County that is currently closed to spearing, and
- all tributaries to Lake Michigan.

All Lake Winnebago System waters will have an April 21 to February 1 open season. Most of the System waters already have these open season dates, but some new waters will be included to ensure the entire system has the same open season. Lake Winnebago System waters include Lakes Buttes des Morts, Winneconne, Poygan, Winnebago and all their tributaries from their mouths upstream to the first dam including the Fox river from Lake Winnebago upstream to the dam above Princeton and all its tributaries from their mouths upstream to the first dam and the Wolf river from its mouth upstream to the dam in the City of Shawano and all its tributaries from their mouths upstream to the first dam including Cincoe lake, Partridge Crop lake and Partridge lake in Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara, and Winnebago counties.

Special nighttime spearing seasons for burbot, but no other species, will remain in Douglas and Ashland counties on four rivers, and a bow and arrow or crossbow only season from May 20 to July 1 in Fish Creek Slough in Bayfield County will also remain.

With this rule change, Ashland, Bayfield, Forest, Iron, Menominee, Oneida, Price, Sawyer, and Vilas counties will remain closed to rough fish spearing year-round. All trout streams statewide and Devils Lake in Sauk County will also remain closed. The May 20 to July 1 bow and arrow seasons in Iron and Sawyer counties as well as the March 15 to the Saturday before May 1 season on trout streams in Waushara County will be closed.

No changes will be made on Lake Michigan and Lake Superior which are already open year-round, and no changes will be made to Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters which are open April 21 to March 1. All Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters will be closed to rough fish spearing through Natural Resources Board Order FH-19-12.

Section 18 applies a daily bag limit of 1 fish and a 28-inch minimum length limit on walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Silver Lake, Barron County. The current regulation is a 5-fish daily bag limit and 15-inch minimum length limit.

Section 21 applies a daily bag limit of 2 fish and a 26-inch minimum length limit on northern pike on Diamond Lake, Bayfield County. The current regulation is a 1-fish daily bag limit and 32-inch minimum length limit.

Sections 34, 35, and 36 apply a 3-fish daily bag limit and 18-inch minimum length limit on walleye, sauger and hybrids; a 1-fish daily bag limit and 18-inch minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass; and a 1-fish daily bag limit and a 32-inch minimum length limit on northern pike on Park Lake and the Fox River upstream to the Highway 33 bridge. The management goal is to maintain low numbers of detrimental species, specifically common carp and gizzard shad, with the desired outcome of improving water clarity.

Section 39 designates Token Creek Ponds and Syene Ponds in Dane County as urban fishing waters with the following regulations:

- year round season only for youth 15 years of age and younger and certain disabled anglers,
- no length limits, and
- daily bag limits of 3 trout; 1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, sauger, walleye-sauger hybrid, or northern pike; and 10 panfish.

Sections 123 and 150 designate Lions Park Pond in Rock County and Lapham Peak Pond in Waukesha County as urban fishing waters with the following regulations:

- year round season – but a special season mid-March to mid-April only for youth 15 years of age and younger and certain disabled anglers,
- no length limits, and
- daily bag limits of 3 trout; 1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, sauger, walleye-sauger hybrid, or northern pike; and 10 panfish.

Section 135 corrects the regulations applied to urban ponds in Sheboygan County. Under this change, all designated urban ponds in Sheboygan County will have the same regulations, which provide a year-round open season and a special season for only youth and disabled anglers in March and April. This was the original intent of designating these waters and biologists and law enforcement staff encourage the change.

Section 41 would make permanent a daily bag limit of 3 fish and an 18-inch minimum length limit for walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Beaver Dam Lake and its tributaries, including Mill Creek from the mouth upstream to the Fox Lake dam and all portions of Beaver Creek in Dodge County. The regulation has been in effect since 2002 and is scheduled to expire in 2014.

Sections 47 and 148 apply a 5-fish daily bag limit and no minimum length limit, with only 1 fish over 14 inches allowed, to walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Minong Flowage, Douglas and Washburn counties. The regulation would apply upstream to the confluence of the Totagatic River with Bergen creek in Washburn County and to the connected Cranberry Lake in Douglas County. The current regulation is a 5-fish daily bag limit and 15-inch minimum length limit.

Section 48 applies a daily bag limit of 3 fish and an 18-inch minimum length limit on walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Lake Nebagamon, Douglas County. The current regulation is a 5-fish daily bag limit and 15-inch minimum length limit.

Section 52 applies a daily bag limit of 3 fish and no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass, however all bass from 14 to 18 inches must be released and only 1 fish greater than 18 inches is allowed, in Half Moon Lake, Eau Claire County. The current regulation is 14-inch minimum length limit and daily bag limit of 5 fish.

Section 56 applies a daily bag limit of 5 fish and a 15-inch minimum length limit on walleye, sauger, and hybrids in Patten Lake, Florence County, simplifying regulations to match general statewide walleye rules. The current regulation is a 5-fish daily bag limit and no minimum length limit, but only one fish over 14 inches is allowed.

Section 59 applies a daily bag limit of 3 fish and no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass, however all bass from 14 to 18 inches must be released and only 1 fish greater than 18 inches is allowed in Trump Lake, Forest County. The current regulation is 18-inch minimum length limit and daily bag limit of 1 fish.

Section 65 applies a daily bag limit of 5 fish and no minimum length limit for northern pike on Lake Six in Iron County, simplifying regulations to match current northern zone pike rules. The current regulation is a 2-fish daily bag limit and 26-inch minimum length limit.

Section 67 applies a daily bag limit of 5 fish and a 15-inch minimum length limit on walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Sandy Beach Lake, Iron County, simplifying regulations to match general statewide walleye rules. The current regulation is a 5-fish daily bag limit and no minimum length limit but only 1 fish over 14 inches may be kept.

Sections 79, 80, and 81 apply a daily bag limit of 10 fish and no minimum length limit on catfish and open the catfish season year round in Yellowstone Lake, Lafayette County. This simplifies regulations to match general statewide rules. The current regulation is a 2-fish daily bag limit in combination with walleye or bass and only catfish between 15 and 24 inches may be kept. A combined walleye and bass bag limit regulation will remain.

Sections 98 and 99 apply a daily bag limit of 1 fish and an 18-inch minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass, as well as a 1-fish daily bag limit and 32-inch minimum length limit on northern pike in Lake Tomah. Currently, the regulations are a daily bag limit of 5 and a 14-inch length limit for bass and a daily bag limit of 2 and a 26-inch length limit for pike. The management goal is to protect large predator fish from harvest in order to maximize predation on smaller fishes and complete a chemical treatment plan.

Section 109 applies a daily bag limit of 25 fish and no minimum length limit for panfish on Thompson Lake, Pepin County, simplifying regulations to match general statewide rules. The current regulation is a 10-fish daily bag limit and no minimum length limit.

Section 113 applies a daily bag limit of 5 fish and no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass on Balsam Lake, Polk County. The current regulation is a 5-fish daily bag limit and 14-inch minimum length limit. Section 115 makes administrative code language consistent with Section 113 and with current management practices.

Sections 130 and 132 apply a daily bag limit of 5 fish and no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass and a daily bag limit of 3 fish and 18-inch minimum length limit on walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Big Chetac Lake, Sawyer County. The current regulation is a 5-fish daily bag limit and 14-inch minimum length limit for bass and 5-fish daily bag limit and 15-inch minimum length limit for walleye.

Section 137 applies a daily bag limit of 3 fish and no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass, however all bass from 14 to 18 inches must be released and only 1 fish greater than 18 inches is allowed on Bass Lake, St. Croix County. The current regulation is 14-inch minimum length limit and daily bag limit of 5 fish.

Sections 142 and 143 makes permanent the current 1-fish daily bag limit and 18-inch minimum length limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass and changes the daily bag limit to 3 fish and the minimum length limit to 18-inches for walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Sparkling Lake, Vilas County. The current limits on walleye are a 1-fish daily bag limit and 28-inch minimum length limit which both sunset in March 2014.

Section 153 applies a daily bag limit of 10 fish for panfish on Little Hills Lake, Waushara County. The current daily bag limit is 25 panfish.

Sections 162 and 168 apply a daily bag limit of 1 fish and a 54-inch minimum length limit on muskellunge in Green Bay, Lake Michigan, and its tributaries north of Waldo Boulevard (in Manitowoc) and the Menominee River upstream to the Hattie Street Dam. The current regulation is a 1-fish daily bag limit and 50-inch minimum length limit.

Section 164 allows the department to make explicit, temporary changes to length or bag limits under certain conditions using a legally defined public notice process, a public information meeting if requested, and posting notice of the regulation change on public access sites of the water. The department currently may change length and bag limits using this process, rather than through an administrative rule change, if data show that there is slow growth or high contamination levels. This proposal would expand the DNR's ability to make length or daily bag limit changes to respond to the following conditions and for the following species:

a. A lake restoration project is in place to reduce detrimental fish species that includes bio-manipulation of a waterbody through increasing the abundance and biomass of predator game fish. The department may apply the following limits to particular species: 18-inch, 3-bag walleye; 18-inch, 1-bag largemouth or smallmouth bass; 32-inch, 1-bag northern pike; or 10-bag for panfish.

b. Fish have been removed or destroyed as a result of a rehabilitation program to reestablish a good supply of game fish. The department may apply the following limits to particular species: 18-inch, 3-bag walleye; 18-inch, 1-bag largemouth or smallmouth bass; 32-inch, 1-bag northern pike; or 10-bag for panfish.

c. An inland water has been documented to contain detrimental species, species nonindigenous to the waters of the state, or rough fish. In order to control the population of detrimental, nonindigenous, or rough fish species and protect the native fish populations, the department may apply the following minimum size limits to particular species: 18-inch, 3-bag walleye; 18-inch, 1-bag largemouth or smallmouth bass; 32-inch, 1-bag northern pike; or 10-bag for panfish.

d. The department finds that an evaluation of a size limit could not be completed before a sunset date. The department may extend the size limit and the limit shall remain the same and in full force and effect for 7 years from the date specified or until a permanent rule change is in place, whichever occurs first. The determination to extend a size limit sunset date shall be made within two years prior to the sunset date.

Sections 165 and 169 allow the department to adjust bag and length limits for walleye or muskellunge in the ceded territory in response to actual tribal harvest, rather than currently waiting until after the third Monday in May. Under current law, the department must wait until after the third Monday in May to raise the daily bag limit or reduce the minimum length limit based on expected safe harvest levels for specific waters. However, if ice out occurs earlier in the year, tribal harvest may also occur earlier. With this rule change, the department will be able to adjust bag limits and get that information to the public as early as possible.

Section 166 prohibits the use of lead tackle that is less than 1-inch in diameter or less than 1-ounce in weight on Escanaba, Nebish, and Palette lakes in Vilas County. The Natural Resources Board requested that the department carry out a pilot project to evaluate angler acceptance of non-toxic fishing tackle. The purpose of the project is to protect loons and other water birds that have been shown to ingest smaller sizes of tackle and to increase public awareness of the hazard that small sizes of lead-containing tackle pose to water birds.

6. Summary of and comparison with existing or proposed federal statutes and regulations.

Authority to promulgate fishing regulations is granted to states. None of the proposed changes violate or conflict with federal regulations.

7. Comparison with rules in adjacent states. Fisheries management rules are generally similar in the states surrounding Wisconsin. Each bordering state regulates fishing by the use of seasons, bag limits and

size limits. Specific seasons and bag and size limits may differ for species among the surrounding states, but the general principles are similar. Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, and Illinois all have statewide seasons and bag and size limits for fish species, along with special or experimental regulations on individual waters.

8. Summary of factual data and analytical methodologies. Fishing regulations in this rule, such as length and bag limits or season dates, are used as a tool to ensure good fishing exists into the future. The department has used different types of fishing regulations in order to: control angler impacts on fish populations, maintain numbers and sizes of fish in a lake or stream, provide different types of fishing experiences, and make access to fishing as fair as possible.

All rule change proposals were submitted by fish biologists and peer-reviewed for justification and enforceability by Fisheries Management supervisors and the Bureau Director, species management teams, and the Bureaus of Law Enforcement and Legal Services. Proposals were discussed with Wisconsin Conservation Congress members and will be presented at the 2013 Fish and Wildlife Spring Hearings. Proposals that reduce regulation complexity or eliminate a special regulation in favor of a statewide one were given preference.

9. Analysis and supporting documents used to determine effect on small business or in preparation of an economic impact analysis. The proposed rule does not apply directly to businesses, but to sport anglers. It is not expected that there will be any economic impact directly related to these rule changes. The department conducted an economic impact analysis to determine if any individuals, businesses, local governments, or other entities expect to be adversely affected economically. No comments were received.

10. Effects on small business. The rule is not expected to have an effect on small businesses. The proposed rule does not impose any compliance or reporting requirements on small businesses nor are any design or operational standards contained in the rule. The rules will be enforced by Conservation Wardens who have arrest powers and may use citations.

11. Rules proposed by the Department of Veterans Affairs. No information

12. Agency contact person.

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13. Place where comments are to be submitted and deadline for submission. Comments on this proposed rule may be submitted to the agency contact person listed above. The deadline for written comments is April 9, 2013.

SECTION 1. NR 20.03(30) is repealed.

SECTION 2. NR 20.03(40) is amended to read:

NR 20.03(40) "Troll" or "trolling" means fishing by trailing any lure, bait or similar device that may be used to attract or catch fish from a boat propelled by a means other than drifting, pedaling, paddling, or rowing. ~~Casting and immediate retrieval of a bait, lure or similar device while the motor is running or~~

~~position fishing is not trolling.~~

SECTION 3. NR 20.05(3) is amended to read:

NR 20.05(3) Fish within 200 feet of any fishway, lock or dam by any means other than by hook and line in the inland waters, except as authorized under s. NR 20.15(1) and (1m).

SECTION 4. NR 20.06(1) is repealed.

SECTION 5. NR 20.09(1) is amended to read:

NR 20.09(1) Possess or control any bow, spear or similar device while on any water or on the banks or shores of any water that might be used for the purpose of fishing except as specifically authorized in ~~s.~~ ss. NR 20.15(1m), NR 20.20 or chs. NR 21, NR 22, or NR 23.

SECTION 6. NR 20.09(2) is amended to read:

NR 20.09(2) Use, possess or control any bow, spear or similar device from sunset to sunrise while on the waters or on the banks or shores of any waters except as authorized in s. NR 20.20, and that a bow and arrow or crossbow may be possessed and used for spearing rough fish from sunset to sunrise during the open season for spearing rough fish.

SECTION 7. NR 20.10(10) is amended to read:

NR 20.10(10) Possess a sturgeon unless each person who has speared a sturgeon during the open season for spearing sturgeon exhibits the sturgeon, with the person's sturgeon carcass tag attached as required by s. 29.237, Stats., to a warden or other authorized department personnel at an official sturgeon registration station. Sturgeon shall be intact and registered at a station on Lake Winnebago if speared in Lake Winnebago. Sturgeon shall be intact and registered at a station on Lake Butte des Morts, Winneconne or Poygan if speared in Lake Butte des Morts, Winneconne or Poygan. Sturgeon shall be exhibited at a sturgeon registration station not later than ~~4:30~~ 2:00 p.m. on the day speared. The registration tag shall remain attached and locked to the sturgeon until the carcass is prepared for final consumption.

SECTION 8. NR 20.10(10m) is amended to read:

NR 20.10(10m) Fish for sturgeon during the open season by the method of spearing or possess or control a spear or similar device within a fishing shelter on Lake Winnebago system waters from ~~12:30~~ 1:00 p.m. until ~~6:30~~ 7:00 a.m. of the following day.

SECTION 9. NR 20.15(1) is amended to read:

NR 20.15(1) Take rough fish by hand at any time in all waters except ~~within 200 feet of a lock or dam~~ those waters established as fish refuges under ch. NR 26.

SECTION 10. NR 20.15(1m) is created to read:

NR 20.15(1m) Except as prohibited under ss. NR 21.065, NR 22.065, and NR 23.10, take rough fish by means of spearing with a hand held spear within 200 feet of a fishway, lock or dam from June 1 through August 31 where there is an open season for spearing of rough fish unless posted closed to spearing by department sign.

SECTION 11. NR 20.15(4) is created to read:

NR 20.15(4) Fish by the method of trolling in all inland and outlying waters.

SECTION 12. NR 20.20(1)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 13. NR 20.20(1)(h)1. is amended to read:

NR 20.20 (1) ADAMS (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge	a. Hook and line-	Continuous	5 in total but until March 31, 2014 none may be from 20² to 28² and only 1 may be 281-	<u>15 minimum, but the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28</u>
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SECTION 14. NR 20.20(2)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 15. NR 20.20(2)(b) is amended to read:

NR 20.20 (2) ASHLAND (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))

(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Day lake, East Twin lake, Lake Three, Little Clam lake, Mineral lake, Spillerburg lake	a. Hook and line-	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for <u>smallmouth bass, 1 for largemouth bass</u>	<u>18 for largemouth bass only</u>
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Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March 1 in total 18

SECTION 16. NR 20.20(3)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 17. NR 20.20(3)(d) is amended to read:

NR 20.20 (3) BARRON (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(d) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line.	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand.	Continuous	None	None
	2. Beaver Dam lake	a. Hook and line, dip netting, <u>spearing</u> , by hand at any time for smelt only	Continuous	None	None
		b. Seining at any time for smelt with seines not more than 75 feet in length and 6 feet in depth	Continuous	None	None
	3. All other waters	a. Hook and line, dip netting, by hand, <u>spearing</u>	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing	Saturday nearest May 20 to November 1	None	None

SECTION 18. NR 20.20(3)(f)2. is created to read:

NR 20.20 (3) BARRON (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. Silver lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	28
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SECTION 19. NR 20.20(4)(a) is amended to read:

NR 20.20 (4) BAYFIELD (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))

(a) All species	1. All waters	a. Motor trolling is permitted	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73).	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73).	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73).
	2. <u>1. Inch lake</u>	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73).	0	--

SECTION 20. NR 20.20(4)(c) is amended to read:

NR 20.20 (4) BAYFIELD (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))

(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Cable and Wiley lakes, Crooked lake, Lund lake	a. Hook and line-	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	<u>0 for smallmouth bass, 1 for largemouth bass</u>	<u>18 for largemouth bass only</u>
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18
	2. Pigeon lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	<u>0 for smallmouth bass, 3 for largemouth bass</u>	<u>No minimum length, but the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited, and only 1 fish may be longer than 18 for largemouth bass only</u>

Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March 3 in total but only 1 may be longer than 18" None except the possession of fish from 14" through 18" is prohibited No minimum length, but the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited, and only 1 fish may be longer than 18

3. Lake Owen	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for <u>smallmouth bass</u> , 5 for <u>largemouth bass</u>	<u>None</u>
		Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 <u>in total</u>	None

SECTION 21. NR 20.20(4)(e) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(4) BAYFIELD (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))

(e) Northern pike	1. <u>Diamond lake</u> , Muskellunge lake, Sand Bar lake, Tomahawk lake, all tributaries and connected sloughs to Lake Superior upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	26
	2. Diamond lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1	32

SECTION 22. NR 20.20(5)(f) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(5) BROWN (for species or waters not listed, including Green Bay and its tributaries not specified in this subsection, see sub. (73)).

(f) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line.	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand.	Continuous	None	None
	2. Fox river upstream from DePere dam	a. Hook and line, dip netting, by hand, <u>spearing</u>	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing.	April 21 to the first Sunday in March	None	None
		c. Set or bank pole and setline.	Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30	None	None
	3. All other waters except Green Bay and its tributaries	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, <u>spearing</u>	Continuous	None	None
b. Spearing.		April 21 to the first Sunday in March	None	None	

SECTION 23. NR 20.20(6)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 24. NR 20.20(6)(e) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(6) BUFFALO (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(e) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. Buffalo river from the state highway 37 bridge and the Chippewa river downstream to the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad tracks	a. Set or bank pole	Continuous	None	None

	b. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
	e. Spearing	April 21 to the first Sunday in March	None	None
3. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
	b. Spearing	April 21 to the first Sunday in March	None	None

SECTION 25. NR 20.20(7)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 26. NR 20.20(7)(c) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(7) BURNETT (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. All waters not listed in this paragraph that are north of a line following STH 77, including all lakes and flowages north of that line	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for <u>smallmouth bass</u> , 5 for <u>largemouth bass</u>	<u>None for largemouth bass only</u>
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
	2. Webb lake and all other waters not listed in this paragraph that are south of a line following STH 77, including all lakes and flowages south of that line	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
	3. Namekagon river, St. Croix river, Totagatic river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for <u>smallmouth bass</u> , 5 for <u>largemouth bass</u>	<u>14 for largemouth bass only</u>

Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March 5 in total 14

SECTION 27. NR 20.20(7)(f) is repealed.

SECTION 28. NR 20.20(8)(b) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(8) CALUMET (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(b) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line.	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand.	Continuous	None	None
	2. Winnebago lake	a. Hook and line, by hand.	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing	April 21 to February 1	None	None
		c. Dip netting at any time within 500 feet of shore.	April 25 to May 31	None	None
		d. Set or bank pole and setline	Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30	None	None
	3. All other waters <u>except Lake Winnebago System waters</u>	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing	April 21 to the first Sunday in March	None	None

SECTION 29. NR 20.20(9)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 30. NR 20.20(9)(d) is repealed.

SECTION 31. NR 20.20(10)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 32. NR 20.20(10)(c) is repealed.

SECTION 33. NR 20.20(11)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 34. NR 20.20(11)(e)3. is created to read:

NR 20.20(11) COLUMBIA (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(e)	3. Fox river	a. Hook and line	First	1 in total	18
Largemouth and smallmouth hass	upstream from Park lake to the easterly crossing of highway 33, Park lake		Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March		

SECTION 35. NR 20.20(11)(g)3. is created to read:

NR 20.20(11) COLUMBIA (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(g) Northern pike	3. Fox river upstream from Park lake to the easterly crossing of highway 33, Park lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1	32
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SECTION 36. NR 20.20(11)(k)1. is amended to read:

NR 20.20(11) COLUMBIA (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(k) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. <u>Fox river</u> <u>upstream from</u> <u>Park lake to the</u> <u>easterly crossing</u> <u>of highway 33,</u> <u>Park lake, Silver</u> <u>lake</u>	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
	2. Columbia lake, Baraboo river, Fox river downstream from the westerly crossing of highway #33 at Portage, Crawfish river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15
	3. Lower Wisconsin river upstream from the Prairie du Sac dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total but until March 31, 2014 none may be from 20 ² to 28 ² and only + may be > 281	15 <u>minimum,</u> but the possession of <u>fish from 20</u> <u>to 28 is</u> prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28

4. Lower Wisconsin river downstream from the Prairie du Sac dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	3 in total	Sauger and hybrids 15, walleye 18
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SECTION 37. NR 20.20(12)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 38. NR 20.20(13)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 39. NR 20.20(13)(a)2. is created to read:

NR 20.20(13) DANE (For species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(a) All species	2. The following posted urban waters: Token Creek ponds, Syene ponds	a. Hook and line	Continuous but only persons under 16 years of age or disabled pursuant to s. 29.193 (3) (a), (b) or (c), Stats., may fish	1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, sauger or hybrid in total; 10 panfish and bullheads in total; 3 trout and salmon in total; none for rough fish	None
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SECTION 40. NR 20.20(14)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 41. NR 20.20(14)(f)2. is amended to read:

NR 20.20(14) DODGE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. Fox lake, Beaver Dam lake and its tributaries until March 31, 2014, and Beaver creek, Mill creek until March 31, 2014	a. Hook and line-	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
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SECTION 42. NR 20.20(15)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 43. NR 20.20(15)(b)2. is amended to read:

NR 20.20(15) DOOR (for species or waters not listed, including Green Bay, Lake Michigan and

their tributaries, see sub. (73))

(b) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line.	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand.	Continuous	None	None
	2. All other waters except Green Bay, Lake Michigan and their tributaries	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, <u>spearing</u>	Continuous	None	None
b. Spearing.		April 21 to the first Sunday in March	None	None	

SECTION 44. NR 20.20(16)(a) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(16) DOUGLAS (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73)). Note: Allouez bay, Little Pokegama bay, Kimballs bay and Pokegama bay are considered part of the St. Louis river, a Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary water. See chapter NR 21. The Nemadji river is an inland water that is contiguous with these Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters but is regulated under this subsection.

(a) All species	1. All waters	a. Motor trolling is permitted.	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73).	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73).	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73).
	2. <u>1.</u> Brule river downstream from U.S. hwy. 2	a. Hook and line fishing is only allowed from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset during the period from the last Saturday in March to November 15	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)

SECTION 45. NR 20.20(16)(c) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(16) DOUGLAS (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73)). Note: Allouez bay, Little Pokegama bay, Kimballs bay and Pokegama bay are considered part of the St. Louis river, a Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary water. See chapter NR 21. The Nemadji river is an inland water that is contiguous with these Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters but is regulated under this subsection.

(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Nemadji river	a. Hook and line -	Saturday preceding Memorial day to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	12
	2. All lakes and flowages partially within Burnett and Washburn counties	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for <u>smallmouth</u> bass, 5 for <u>largemouth</u> bass	<u>None for</u> <u>largemouth</u> <u>bass only</u>
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None

SECTION 46. NR 20.20(16)(f) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(16) DOUGLAS (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73)). Note: Allouez bay, Little Pokegama bay, Kimballs bay and Pokegama bay are considered part of the St. Louis river, a Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary water. See chapter NR 21. The Nemadji river is an inland water that is contiguous with these Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters but is regulated under this subsection.

(f) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line.	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand.	Continuous	None	None
		c. Dip netting at any time for smelt only on tributaries to Lake Superior from the mouth upstream for one-half mile.	April 1 to May 25	None	None
	2. Amnicon river, Nemadji river	a. Hook and line, by hand, <u>spearing</u>	Continuous	None	None
		b. Dip netting at any time for smelt only.	April 1 to May 25	None	None.
		c. Spearing.	Saturday nearest May 20 to November 1	None	None
		d. c. Spearing sunset to sunrise only for burbot.	December 15 to January 31	None	None

3. All other tributaries to Lake Superior	a. Hook and line, by hand, <u>spearing</u>	Continuous	None	None
	b. Dip netting at any time for smelt only.	April 1 to May 25	None	None
	e. Spearing.	Saturday nearest May 20 to November 1	None	None
4. Black river from its mouth on the Nemadji river upstream to the first railroad bridge (Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault St. Marie)	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, <u>spearing</u>	Continuous	None	None
	b. Spearing.	Saturday nearest May 20 to November 1	None	None
	c. Spearing sunset to sunrise only for burbot.	December 15 to January 31	None	None
6. All other waters or portions of waters not listed except Lake Superior	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, <u>spearing</u>	Continuous	None	None
	b. Spearing.	Saturday nearest May 20 to November 1	None	None

SECTION 47. NR 20.20(16)(h)3. is amended to read:

NR 20.20(16) DOUGLAS (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73)). Note: Allouez bay, Little Pokegama bay, Kimballs bay and Pokegama bay are considered part of the St. Louis river, a Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary water. See chapter NR 21. The Nemadji river is an inland water that is contiguous with these Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters but is regulated under this subsection.

(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	3. Beauregard lake, <u>Minong flowage including Cranberry lake and upstream to the confluence of Totagatic river and Bergen creek in Washburn</u>	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total but only 1 may be longer than 14 inches	None, <u>but only 1 may be longer than 14</u>
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SECTION 48. NR 20.20(16)(h)4. is created to read:

NR 20.20(16) DOUGLAS (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73)). Note: Allouez bay, Little Pokegama bay, Kimballs bay and Pokegama bay are considered part of the St. Louis river, a Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary water. See chapter NR 21. The Nemadji river is an inland water that is contiguous with these Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters but is regulated under this subsection.

(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	4. Lake Nebagamon	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
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SECTION 49. NR 20.20(17)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 50. NR 20.20(17)(e) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(17) DUNN (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(e) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. Chippewa river	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, set or bank pole, <u>spearing</u>	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing-	April 21 to the first Sunday in March-	None-	None-
3. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, <u>spearing</u>	Continuous	None	None	
	b. Spearing-	April 21 to the first Sunday in March-	None-	None-	

SECTION 51. NR 20.20(18)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 52. NR 20.20(18)(c)2. is created to read:

NR 20.20(18) EAU CLAIRE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. Half Moon Lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	No minimum length, but the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited, and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
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SECTION 53. NR 20.20(18)(e) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(18) EAU CLAIRE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(e) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. Chippewa river downstream from the dam in Eau Claire	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, set or bank pole, <u>spearing</u>	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing-	April 21 to the first Sunday in March-	None-	None-
	3. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, <u>spearing</u>	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing-	April 21 to the first Sunday in March-	None-	None-

SECTION 54. NR 20.20(19)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 55. NR 20.20(19)(c) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(19) FLORENCE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(c) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
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		b. By hand.	Continuous	None	None
2. All waters not listed		a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing	April 21 to the first Sunday in March	None	None

SECTIONS 56. NR 20.20(19)(e) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(19) FLORENCE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(c) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Patten lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total but only 1 may be longer than 14"	None
	2. <u>1.</u> Keyes lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3	18

SECTION 57. NR 20.20(20)(d) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(20) FOND DU LAC (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(d) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line.	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. Winnebago lake	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting.	Continuous	None	None
b. Spearing.		April 21 to February 1	None	None	
c. Set or bank pole and setline 500 feet or more from any dam		Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30	None	None	
3. Fond du Lac river from its mouth upstream for 3 miles	a. Hook and line, by hand.	Continuous	None	None	

	b. Spearing sunrise to sunset.	April 21 to the first Sunday in March <u>April 21 to February 1</u>	None	None
	c. Dip netting.	May 1 to March 15	Suckers 0, other rough fish none	None
4. All other waters except <u>Lake Winnebago system waters</u>	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
	b. Spearing.	April 21 to the first Sunday in March	None	None

SECTION 58. NR 20.20(21)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 59. NR 20.20(21)(c) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(21) FOREST (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(c)	1. Crane lake, Luna lake, McKinley lake, Pickerel lake, Three Johns lake, Trump lake, White Deer lake, Windfall lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for <u>smallmouth bass</u> , 1 for <u>largemouth bass</u>	<u>18 for largemouth bass only</u>
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18

<u>2. Trump lake</u>	<u>a. Hook and line</u>	<u>First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June</u>	<u>0 for smallmouth bass, 3 for largemouth bass</u>	<u>No minimum length, but the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited, and only 1 fish may be longer than 18 for largemouth bass only</u>
		<u>Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March</u>	<u>3 in total</u>	<u>No minimum length, but the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited, and only 1 fish may be longer than 18</u>

SECTION 60. NR 20.20(22)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 61. NR 20.20(24)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 62. NR 20.20(24)(f) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(24) GREEN LAKE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(f) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None	
		b. By hand.	Continuous	None	None	
	2. Fox river downstream from first dam upstream from Princeton	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting	Continuous	None	None	None
		b. Spearing.	April 21 to <u>February 1</u> the first Sunday in March	None	None	None

	c. Set or bank pole and setline 500 feet or more from any dam.	Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30	None	None
3. All other waters <u>except Lake Winnebago system waters</u>	a. Hook and line, by hand, <u>spearing</u> , dip netting sunrise to sunset.	Continuous	None	None
	b. Spearing sunrise to sunset.	April 21 to the first Sunday in March	None	None

SECTION 63. NR 20.20(25)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 64. NR 20.20(26)(a) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(26) IRON (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))

(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Evelyn lake, O'Brien lake, One Man lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	<u>0 for smallmouth bass, 1 for largemouth bass</u>	<u>18 for largemouth bass only</u>
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18
	2. Wilson lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	<u>0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass</u>	<u>No minimum length but the possession of fish from 12 through 16 inches is prohibited for largemouth bass only</u>

		Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	No minimum length but the possession of fish from 12 through 16 inches is prohibited
3. Turtle-Flambeau flowage	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for <u>smallmouth bass, 2 for largemouth bass</u>	15 for <u>largemouth bass only</u>
		Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	2 in total	15
4. Gile flowage	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for <u>smallmouth bass, 3 for largemouth bass</u>	None except <u>the possession of fish from 14 through 18 is prohibited and only one may be longer than 18 for largemouth bass only</u>
		Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	3 in total but only 1 may be larger than 18-	None except the possession of fish from 14 through 18 is <u>prohibited and only one may be longer than 18</u>

SECTION 65. NR 20.20(26)(c)1. is amended to read:

NR 20.20(26) IRON (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))

(c) Northern pike	1. Lake Six, all tributaries Tributaries and connected sloughs to Lake Superior upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line:	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	26
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SECTION 66. NR 20.20(26)(e)3. is amended to read:

NR 20.20(26) IRON (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))

(e) Rough fish	3. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting.	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing with bow and arrow only.	Saturday nearest May 20 to July 1	None	None

SECTION 67. NR 20.20(26)(g)3. is amended to read:

NR 20.20(26) IRON (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))

(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	3. Catherine lake, Cedar lake, Echo lake, Gile flowage, Island lake, Little Oxbow lake, Oxbow lake, Pine lake, Randall lake, Sandy Beach lake, Sherman lake, Spider lake, North Fork Flambeau river and its tributaries, West Branch Montreal river, Turtle river upstream from Echo lake	a. Hook and line:	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total but only 1 may be longer than 14 inches	None, but only 1 may be longer than 14
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SECTION 68. NR 20.20(27)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 69. NR 20.20(27)(f) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(27) JACKSON (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(f) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line.	During open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand.	Continuous	None	None

2. Black river from the U.S. highway 12 bridge in the city of Black River Falls downstream	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, <u>spearing</u> . Set or bank pole and setline but no whole or live bait fish may be used	Continuous	None	None
	c. Spearing.	April 21 to the first Sunday in March	None	None
3. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, <u>spearing</u>	Continuous	None	None
	b. Spearing.	April 21 to the first Sunday in March	None	None

SECTION 70. NR 20.20(28)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 71. NR 20.20(29)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 72. NR 20.20(29)(e) is repealed.

SECTION 73. NR 20.20(29)(h)1. is amended to read:

NR 20.20(29) JUNEAU (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Yellow river and its sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, Lemonweir river and its sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, Wisconsin river and its sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, except the western boundary of the Wisconsin River on Lake Petenwell is	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total but until March 31, 2014 none may be from 20 ² to 28 ² and only 1 may be > 28 ¹ .	15 minimum, but the <u>possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28</u>
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County Highway G, and the western boundary of the Wisconsin river on Castle Rock lake north of county highway G is the confluence of the Yellow river and Castle Rock lake, and county highway G between 41st Street and county highway HH does not establish a boundary for Castle Rock lake

SECTION 74. NR 20.20(30)(a) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(30) KENOSHA (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(a) All species	1. Elizabeth lake-	a. Motor trolling is permitted-	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)-	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)-	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)-
	2. <u>1.</u> The following posted urban waters: Anderson park pond, Bong recreation area children's pond, Poerio park pond	a. Hook and line-	Continuous but only persons under 16 years of age or disabled pursuant to s. 29.193 (3) (a), (b) or (c), Stats., may fish from the second Saturday in March to but not including the last Saturday in April	1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, sauger or hybrid in total; 10 panfish and bullheads in total; 3 trout and salmon in total; None for rough fish	None

SECTION 75. NR 20.20(31)(a) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(31) KEWAUNEE (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Michigan, Green Bay and their tributaries, see sub. (73))

(a) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand.	Continuous	None	None
	2. All other waters except Lake Michigan, Green Bay and their tributaries	a. Hook and line, by hand, spearing , dip netting sunrise to sunset	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing sunrise to sunset.	April 21 to the first Sunday in March.	None	None

SECTION 76. NR 20.20(32)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 77. NR 20.20(32)(e) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(32) LA CROSSE (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(e) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. Black river downstream to the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad tracks	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing . Set or bank pole and setline but no whole or live bait fish may be used.	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing.	April 21 to the first Sunday in March.	None	None
	3. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing.	April 21 to the first Sunday in March.	None	None

SECTION 78. NR 20.20(33)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 79. NR 20.20(33)(am) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(33) LAFAYETTE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(am) Catfish	1. Yellowstone lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2 in total with largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, sauger and hybrids	Minimum length limit 15"; maximum length limit 24"
	2. <u>1.</u> East Branch Pecatonica river, Pecatonica river (west branch) downstream from U.S. hwy. 151	a. Hook and line, set or bank pole, setline.	Continuous	10 in total	None

SECTION 80. NR 20.20(33)(b) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(33) LAFAYETTE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. East Branch Pecatonica river, Pecatonica river (west branch) downstream from U.S. hwy. 151, Yellowstone river downstream from Yellowstone lake dam	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total	14
	2. Yellowstone lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2 in total with catfish, walleye, sauger and hybrids	Minimum length limit 12" ; maximum length limit 15"
	3. Yellowstone river upstream from county highway F	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	0 until March 1, 2007, when it becomes 5 in total	14 after March 1, 2007

SECTION 81. NR 20.20(33)(g)2. is amended to read:

NR 20.20(33) LAFAYETTE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. Yellowstone lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2 in total with eatfish, largemouth bass and smallmouth bass	Minimum length limit 15" ; maximum length limit 18"
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SECTION 82. NR 20.20(34)(a) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(34) LANGLADE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(a) All species	1. Lower Post lake, Rolling Stone lake, Upper Post lake	a. Motor trolling is permitted	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)
	2. <u>1.</u> The following posted urban waters: Remington lake	a. Hook and line.	Continuous but only persons under 16 years of age or disabled pursuant to s. 29.193 (3) (a), (b) or (c), Stats., may fish	1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, sauger or hybrid in total; 10 panfish and bullheads in total; 3 trout and salmon in total; None for rough fish	None

SECTION 83. NR 20.20(34)(b) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(34) LANGLADE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Sawyer lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to day Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0 for <u>smallmouth</u> bass, 5 for <u>largemouth</u> bass	<u>None but the</u> <u>possession of</u> <u>fish from 12</u> <u>through 16</u> <u>inches is</u> <u>prohibited for</u> <u>largemouth</u> <u>bass only</u>
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None but the possession of fish from 12 through 16 inches is prohibited
	2. McGee lake	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	5 in total	None
	3. Greater Bass lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to day Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0 for <u>smallmouth</u> bass, 1 for <u>largemouth</u> bass	<u>18 for</u> <u>largemouth</u> <u>bass only</u>
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18

SECTION 84. NR 20.20(34)(c) is repealed.

SECTION 85. NR 20.20(35)(a) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(35) LINCOLN (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(a) All species	1. Spirit River flowage, Wisconsin river downstream from CTH A including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, except Lake Mohawksin-	a. Motor trolling is permitted-	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)-	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)-	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)-
	2. 1. The following posted urban waters: Mirror lake	a. Hook and line-	Continuous but only persons under 16 years of age or disabled pursuant to s. 29.193 (3) (a), (b) or (c), Stats., may fish	1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, sauger or hybrid in total; 10 panfish and bullheads in total; 3 trout and salmon in total; none for rough fish	None

SECTION 86. NR 20.20(35)(b)1. is amended to read:

NR 20.20(35) LINCOLN (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Muskellunge lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	<u>0 for smallmouth bass, 1 for largemouth bass</u>	<u>18 for largemouth bass only</u>
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	1	18

SECTION 87. NR 20.20(35)(e) is repealed.

SECTION 88. NR 20.20(35)(g)1m. is amended to read:

NR 20.20(35) LINCOLN (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1m. Wisconsin river downstream from Grandfather dam including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge	a. Hook and line-	Continuous	5 in total but until March 31, 2014 none may be from 20 ² to 28 ² and only 1 may be -> 281-	15 <u>minimum</u> , but the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28
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SECTION 89. NR 20.20(36)(c) is repealed.

SECTION 90. NR 20.20(37)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 91. NR 20.20(37)(f) is repealed.

SECTION 92. NR 20.20(37)(i) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(37) MARATHON (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(i) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, except the eastern boundary of the Wisconsin River and Peplin and Johnson Creeks and the Little Eau Claire River, at Lake DuBay, is the south-bound lane of Interstate 39, <u>Eau Claire river downstream from the Schofield dam</u>	a. Hook and line-	Continuous	5 in total but until March 31, 2014 none may be from 20 ² to 28 ² and only 1 may be -> 281-	15 <u>minimum</u> , but the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28
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<u>2. Big Rib river downstream from Highway 29, Johnson creek, Little Eau Claire river, Little Eau Pleine river, Peplin creek</u>	<u>a. Hook and line</u>	<u>First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March</u>	<u>5 in total</u>	<u>15 minimum, but the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28</u>
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SECTION 93. NR 20.20(38)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 94. NR 20.20(38)(b) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(38) MARINETTE (for species or waters not listed, including Green Bay and its tributaries, see sub. (73))

(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Peshtigo flowage	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for <u>smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass</u>	<u>14 for largemouth bass only</u>
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	14

SECTION 95. NR 20.20(38)(d) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(38) MARINETTE (for species or waters not listed, including Green Bay and its tributaries, see sub. (73))

(d) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line.	During the open season for trout	None	None
		<u>b. By hand</u>	<u>Continuous</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
	2. All other waters except Green Bay and its tributaries	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing.	April 21 to the first Sunday in March	None	None

SECTION 96. NR 20.20(39)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 97. NR 20.20(39)(e) is created to read:

NR 20.20(39) MARQUETTE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(e) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. All other waters except Lake Winnebago system waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None

SECTION 98. NR 20.20(42)(b)2. is created to read:

NR 20.20(42) MONROE (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. Lake Tomah	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18
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SECTION 99. NR 20.20(42)(c)2. is created to read:

NR 20.20(42) MONROE (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(c) Northern pike	2. Lake Tomah	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1	32
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SECTION 100. NR 20.20(42)(d) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(42) MONROE (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(d) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line.	During open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand.	Continuous	None	None
	2. Black river	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, set or bank pole, setline, spearing	Continuous	None	None

	b. Spearing.	April 21 to the first Sunday in March.	None	None
3. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, <u>spearing</u>	Continuous	None	None
	b. Spearing.	April 21 to the first Sunday in March.	None	None

SECTION 101. NR 20.20(42)(f)1. is amended to read:

NR 20.20(42) MONROE (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Lemonweir river including all connecting flowages, bays, sloughs and bayous upstream to the first dam or bridge or water control structure, east fork Lemonweir river upstream to highway 173 bridge, south fork Lemonweir river upstream to Tomah dam	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total but until March 31, 2014 none may be from 20 ² to 28 ² and only 1 may be > 281-	15 <u>minimum, but the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28</u>
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SECTION 102. NR 20.20(43)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 103. NR 20.20(43)(d) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(43) OCONTO (for species or waters not listed, including Green Bay and its tributaries, see sub. (73))

(d) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line.	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. All other waters except Green Bay and its tributaries	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, <u>spearing</u>	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing on waters east of highway 141 only.	April 21 to the first Sunday in March.	None	None

SECTION 104. NR 20.20(44)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 105. NR 20.20(44)(b) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(44) ONEIDA (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Bearskin lake, Crescent lake, Pelican lake, Stella lake, Burrows lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for <u>smallmouth</u> bass, 1 for <u>largemouth</u> bass	<u>18 for</u> <u>largemouth</u> bass only
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18
	2. Little Bass lake	a. Hook and line. Only artificial lures may be used.	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0 for <u>smallmouth</u> bass, 5 for <u>largemouth</u> bass	<u>14 for</u> <u>largemouth</u> bass only
			Third Saturday in June to November 15	5 in total	14
	3. Oneida lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for <u>smallmouth</u> bass, 3 for <u>largemouth</u> bass	<u>None except</u> <u>the possession</u> <u>of fish from</u> <u>14 through 18</u> <u>is</u> <u>prohibited and</u> <u>only one may</u> <u>be longer than</u> <u>18 for</u> <u>largemouth</u> bass only

Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March 3 in total ~~but only 1 may be longer than 18~~ None except the possession of fish from 14" through 18" is prohibited and only one may be longer than 18

4. Minocqua chain (includes Kawaguesaga, Little Tomahawk, Mid, Minocqua, Mud, and Tomahawk lakes and connecting waters) a. Hook and line First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June 0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass None for largemouth bass only

Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March 5 in total None

SECTION 106. NR 20.20(45)(a) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(45) OUTAGAMIE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(a) All species	1. Fox river-	a. Motor trolling is permitted.-	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)-	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)-	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)-
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2. 1. The following posted urban waters: Appleton Memorial Park pond	a. Hook and line	Continuous but only persons under 16 years of age or disabled pursuant to s. 29.193 (3) (a), (b) or (c), Stats., may fish from the second Saturday in March to but not including the last Saturday in April	1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, sauger or hybrid in total; 10 panfish and bullheads in total; 3 trout and salmon in total; none for rough fish	None
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SECTION 107. NR 20.20(45)(e) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(45) OUTAGAMIE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(e) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line.	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. Embarrass river, Shioc river	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting sunrise to sunset.	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing sunrise to sunset.	April 21 to the first Sunday in March <u>April 21 to February 1</u>	None	None
		c. Set or bank pole and setline 500 feet or more from any dam	Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30	None	None
	3. All other waters <u>except Lake Winnebago system waters</u>	a. Hook and line, by hand, <u>spearing</u> , dip netting sunrise to sunset.	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing sunrise to sunset.	April 21 to the first Sunday in March	None	None

SECTION 108. NR 20.20(47)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 109. NR 20.20(47)(dm) is repealed.

SECTION 110. NR 20.20(47)(e) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(47) PEPIN (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(e) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. Chippewa river downstream to the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad tracks	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, set or bank pole, <u>spearing</u>	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing.	April 21 to the first Sunday in March.	None	None
	3. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, <u>spearing</u>	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing.	April 21 to the first Sunday in March.	None	None

SECTION 111. NR 20.20(48)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 112. NR 20.20(49)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 113. NR 20.20(49)(am)2. is amended to read:

NR 20.20(49) POLK (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(am) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. 1. <u>Balsam lake, Big Butternut lake, Half Moon lake, Pipe and North Pipe lakes combined, and Ward lakes, and all lakes and flowages partially within Burnett county</u>	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
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SECTION 114. NR 20.20(49)(d) is repealed.

SECTION 115. NR 20.20(49)(f)2. is amended to read:

NR 20.20(49) POLK (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. Big Round lake, Big Butternut lake, Half Moon lake, Pipe and North Pipe lakes combined, and Ward lakes	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3	18
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SECTION 116. NR 20.20(50)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 117. NR 20.20(50)(e) is repealed.

SECTION 118. NR 20.20(50)(h) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(50) PORTAGE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Bass lake, Pleasant lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15
	2. Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge except that the eastern boundary of the Wisconsin River and the Little Eau Claire River, at Lake DuBay, will be defined by the south-bound lane of Interstate 39	a. Hook and line-	Continuous	5 in total but until March 31, 2014 none may be from 20 ² to 28 ² and only 1 may be -> 281-	15 <u>minimum, but the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28</u>
	3. Little Eau Claire river, Little Eau Pleine river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	15 <u>minimum, but the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28</u>

SECTION 119. NR 20.20(51)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 120. NR 20.20(51)(b) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(51) PRICE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Bass lake (T38N R2W S18), Cochram lake, Sailor lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for <u>smallmouth bass, 1 for largemouth bass</u>	<u>18 for largemouth bass only</u>
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18

SECTION 121. NR 20.20(52)(a) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(52) RACINE (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Michigan and its tributaries, see sub. (73))

(a) All species	1. All waters-	a. Motor trolling is permitted.	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)
	2. <u>1.</u> The following posted urban waters: Gorney park pond, Johnson park pond, Lockwood park pond, Pritchard park pond, Quarry lake, Reservoir park pond	a. Hook and line.	Continuous but only persons under 16 years of age or disabled pursuant to s 29.193 (3) (a), (b) or (c), Stats., may fish from the second Saturday in March to but not including the last Saturday in April	1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, sauger or hybrid in total; 10 panfish and bullheads in total; 3 trout and salmon in total; none for rough fish	None

SECTION 122. NR 20.20(53)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 123. NR 20.20(54)(a) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(54) ROCK (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(a) All species	1. Keshkonong lake The following posted urban waters: Lions Park pond	a. Motor trolling is allowed. Hook and line	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73) Continuous but only persons under 16 years of age or disabled pursuant to s 29.193 (3) (a), (b) or (c), Stats., may fish from the second Saturday in March to but not including the last Saturday in April	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73) 1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, sauger or hybrid in total; 10 panfish and bullheads in total; 3 trout and salmon in total; none for rough fish	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73) None
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SECTION 124. NR 20.20(55)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 125. NR 20.20(55)(c) is repealed.

SECTION 126. NR 20.20(55)(b) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(55) RUSK (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Murphy flowage	a. Hook and line-	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for <u>smallmouth bass</u> , 1 for <u>largemouth bass</u>	<u>18 for largemouth bass only</u>
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Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March 1 in total 18

SECTION 127. NR 20.20(56)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 128. NR 20.20(56)(j)2. is amended to read:

NR 20.20(56) SAUK (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(j) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. Lower Wisconsin river upstream from the Prairie du Sac dam	a. Hook and line-	Continuous	5 in total but until March 31, 2014 none may be from 20 ² to 28 ² and only 1 may be -> 281	15 <u>minimum, but the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28</u>
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SECTION 129. NR 20.20(57)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 130. NR 20.20(57)(d) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(57) SAWYER (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(d) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Black lake, Christner lake	a. Hook and line-	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for <u>smallmouth bass, 1 for largemouth bass</u>	<u>18 for largemouth bass only</u>
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18

2. <u>Big Chetac lake, Nelson lake, and Whitefish lakes</u>	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for <u>smallmouth bass</u> , 5 for <u>largemouth bass</u>	<u>None for largemouth bass only</u>
		Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
3. Sissabagama lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
4. All lakes and flowages that are partially within Washburn county and are north of a line following STH 77 east to STH 27 and south on STH 27	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for <u>smallmouth bass</u> , 5 for <u>largemouth bass</u>	<u>None for largemouth bass only</u>
		Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
5. All lakes and flowages that are partially within Washburn county and that are south of a line following STH 77 east to STH 27 and south on STH 27, excluding Birch lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None

SECTION 131. NR 20.20(57)(g) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(57) SAWYER (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(g) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line.	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand.	Continuous	None	None
	2. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting.	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing with bow and arrow only.	Saturday nearest May 20 to July 1	None	None

SECTION 132. NR 20.20(57)(i)6. is created to read:

NR 20.20(57) SAWYER (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(i) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Big Chetac lake	a. Hook and line	3 in total	18
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SECTION 133. NR 20.20(58)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 134. NR 20.20(58)(e) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(58) SHAWANO (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(e) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line.	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. Embarrass river downstream from Pella dam, Wolf river downstream from <u>Shawano dam</u>	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing.	April 21 to the first Sunday in March to February 1	None	None
		c. Set or bank pole and setline 500 feet or more from any dam.	Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30	None	None
	3. All other waters <u>except Lake Winnebago system waters</u>	a. Hook and line, by hand, <u>spearing</u> , dip netting sunrise to sunset.	Continuous	None	None

~~b. Spearing-~~ April 21 to None- None-
~~the first~~
~~Sunday in~~
~~March-~~

SECTION 135. NR 20.20(59)(a) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(59) SHEBOYGAN (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Michigan and its tributaries, see sub. (73))

(a) All species	1. Sheboygan marsh-	a. Motor trolling is allowed-	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)-	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)-	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)-
	2. <u>1.</u> The following posted urban waters: Kohler-Andrae State Park pond Memorial park pond, <u>River Park lagoon,</u> Sheboygan quarry	a. Hook and line	Continuous but only persons under 16 years of age or disabled pursuant to s 29.193 (3) (a), (b) or (c), Stats., may fish from the second Saturday in March to but not including the last Saturday in April	1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, sauger or hybrid in total; 10 panfish and bullheads in total; 3 trout and salmon in total; none for rough fish	None

3. The following posted urban waters: River Park lagoon-	a. Hook and line-	Continuous-	1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, sauger or hybrid in total; 10 panfish and bullheads in total; 3 trout and salmon in total; none for rough fish-	None-
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SECTION 136. NR 20.20(60)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 137. NR 20.20(60)(b)2. is amended to read:

NR 20.20(60) ST. CROIX (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. Bass lake, Glen lake, Squaw lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	No minimum length, but the possession of fish from 14 to 18 inches is prohibited, and only 1 fish may be longer than 18 inches-
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SECTION 138. NR 20.20(60)(f) is repealed.

SECTION 139. NR 20.20(61)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 140. NR 20.20(61)(b) is repealed.

SECTION 141. NR 20.20(62)(b) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(62) TREMPEALEAU (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(b) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line.	During open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand.	Continuous	None	None
	2. Black river	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing. Set or bank pole and setline but no whole or live bait fish may be used.	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing-	April 21 to the first Sunday in March-	None-	None-
	3. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing-	April 21 to the first Sunday in March-	None-	None-

SECTION 142. NR 20.20(64)(c) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(64) VILAS (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Big lake (T42N R6E S4), Bittersweet lake, Oberlin lake, Prong lake, Smith lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	0	--
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<p>2. Averill lake, Big Portage lake, Big Muskellunge lake, East Ellerson lake, Forest lake, Gunlock lake, Little Bass lake (T40N, R8E, S15), Kentuck lake, Middle Ellerson lake, Papoose lake, Plum lake, Presque Isle lake, Salsich lake, <u>Sparkling lake</u>, Star lake, Trout lake, Van Vliet lake, Wabasso lake, West Plum lake, White Sand lake (T42N, R7E, S27), Whitney lake</p>	<p>a. Hook and line.</p>	<p>First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June</p>	<p>0 for <u>smallmouth bass</u>, 1 for <u>largemouth bass</u></p>	<p>18 for <u>largemouth bass only</u></p>
		<p>Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March</p>	<p>1 in total</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>3. Nebish lake</p>	<p>a. Hook and line. Daily permit required (see s. NR 20.41).</p>	<p>Continuous</p>	<p>5 in total</p>	<p>No minimum length except the possession of fish from 9 to 12 inches is prohibited</p>
<p>4. Spruce lake</p>	<p>a. Hook and line. Only artificial lures may be used. Daily permit required (see s. NR 20.41).</p>	<p>Continuous</p>	<p>2 in total</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>5. Palette lake</p>	<p>a. Hook and line. Daily permit required (see s. NR 20.41)</p>	<p>Continuous</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>22</p>

6. Wildwood lake	a. Hook and line. Only artificial lures may be used.	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0 for <u>smallmouth bass</u> , 5 for <u>largemouth bass</u>	14 for <u>largemouth bass only</u>
		Third Saturday in June to November 15	5 in total	14
7. Sparkling lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0	—
		Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	1 until March 3, 2014 when it becomes 5 in total	18 until March 3, 2014 when it becomes 14

SECTION 143. NR 20.20(64)(h)9. is amended to read:

NR 20.20(64) VILAS (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	9. Sparkling lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 until March 3, 2014 when it becomes <u>5 3 in total</u>	28 until March 3, 2014 when it becomes <u>15 18</u>
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SECTION 144. NR 20.20(65)(a) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(65) WALWORTH (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(a) All species	1. All waters	a. Motor trolling is permitted.	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)
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<p>2. 1. The following posted urban waters: Ceylon lagoon, Congdon park pond, Millpond park pond</p>	<p>a. Hook and line-</p>	<p>Continuous but only persons under 16 years of age or disabled pursuant to s 29.193 (3) (a), (b) or (c), Stats., may fish from the second Saturday in March to but not including the last Saturday in April</p>	<p>1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, sauger or hybrid in total; 10 panfish and bullheads in total; 3 trout and salmon in total; none for rough fish</p>	<p>None</p>
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SECTION 145. NR 20.20(66)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 146. NR 20.20(66)(bm) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(66) WASHBURN (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

<p>(bm) Largemouth and smallmouth bass</p>	<p>1. All waters not listed in this paragraph that are north of a line following STH 77, including all lakes and flowages north of that line</p>	<p>a. Hook and line</p>	<p>First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June</p>	<p>0 <u>for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass</u></p>	<p><u>None for largemouth bass only</u></p>
			<p>Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March</p>	<p>5 in total</p>	<p>None</p>
	<p>2. All waters not listed in this paragraph that are south of a line following STH 77, including all lakes and flowages south of that line</p>	<p>a. Hook and line</p>	<p>First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March</p>	<p>5 in total</p>	<p>None</p>

3. Balsam lake, Birch lake, Namekagon river south of STH 77, Red Cedar lake, Shell lake, Trego flowage	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	14
4. Namekagon river north of STH 77, Totagatic river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for <u>smallmouth bass</u> , 5 for <u>largemouth bass</u>	<u>14 for largemouth bass only</u>
		Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	14

SECTION 147. NR 20.20(66)(c) is repealed.

SECTION 148. NR 20.20(66)(g)1. is amended to read:

NR 20.20(66) WASHBURN (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Bass (Patterson) lake, <u>Minong flowage upstream to the confluence of Totagatic river and Bergen creek</u>	a. Hook and line-	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total but only <u>1 may be longer than 14 inches</u>	None, <u>but only 1 may be longer than 14</u>
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SECTION 149. NR 20.20(67)(a) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(67) WASHINGTON (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(a) All species	1. Big Cedar lake, Pike lake-	a. Motor-trolling is permitted-	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)-	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)-	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)-
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<p>2. 1. The following posted urban waters: Boot lake, Hartford millpond from the dam upstream to Marine drive, Homestead Hollow park pond, Kewaskum millpond from the dam upstream to STH 28, Sandy Knoll park pond, Wells lake from the dam upstream to the first dam on Silver creek, Regner pond</p>	<p>a. Hook and line-</p>	<p>Continuous but only persons under 16 years of age or disabled pursuant to s 29.193 (3) (a), (b) or (c), Stats., may fish from the second Saturday in March to but not including the last Saturday in April</p>	<p>1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, sauger or hybrid in total; 10 panfish and bullheads in total; 3 trout and salmon in total; none for rough fish</p>	<p>None</p>
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SECTION 150. NR 20.20(68)(a) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(68) WAUKESHA (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

<p>(a) All species</p>	<p>1. All waters-</p>	<p>a. Motor trolling is permitted.-</p>	<p>As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)-</p>	<p>As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)-</p>	<p>As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)-</p>
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<p>2. 1. The following posted urban waters: Calhoun park pond, Delafield Rearing pond, Foxbrook pond, Heyer park pond north, Heyer park pond south, <u>Lapham Peak pond</u>, Lepper Dam millpond from the dam upstream to Roosevelt drive, Lions-Overland park pond, Menomonee park pond, Minooka park pond, Muskego park pond, Nixon park pond, Regal park pond, Woodfield park pond north, Woodfield park pond south</p>	<p>a. Hook and line</p>	<p>Continuous but only persons under 16 years of age or disabled pursuant to s 29.193 (3) (a), (b) or (c), Stats., may fish from the second Saturday in March to but not including the last Saturday in April</p>	<p>1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, sauger or hybrid in total; 10 panfish and bullheads in total; 3 trout and salmon in total; none for rough fish</p>	<p>None</p>
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SECTION 151. NR 20.20(69)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 152. NR 20.20(69)(e) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(69) WAUPACA (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

<p>(e) Rough fish</p>	<p><u>1. Trout streams</u></p>	<p><u>a. Hook and line.</u></p>	<p><u>During open season for trout</u></p>	<p><u>None</u></p>	<p><u>None</u></p>
		<p><u>b. By hand.</u></p>	<p><u>Continuous</u></p>	<p><u>None</u></p>	<p><u>None</u></p>
	<p>2. Embarrass river, Waupaca river downstream from Weyauwega dam, Wolf river</p>	<p>a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing.</p>	<p>Continuous</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>
		<p>b. Set or bank pole and setline 500 feet or more from any dam</p>	<p>Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>
		<p><u>c. Spearing</u></p>	<p><u>April 21 to February 1</u></p>	<p><u>None</u></p>	<p><u>None</u></p>

<u>3. All other waters except Lake Winnebago system waters</u>	a. <u>Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing</u>	<u>Continuous</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
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SECTION 153. NR 20.20(70)(dm) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(70) WAUSHARA (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(dm) Panfish	1. <u>Hartford lake, Little Hills lake</u>	a. <u>Hook and line-</u>	<u>Continuous</u>	<u>10 in total</u>	<u>None</u>
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SECTION 154. NR 20.20(70)(e) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(70) WAUSHARA (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(e) Rough fish	1. <u>White river from White River flowage upstream to the west branch, Willow creek upstream from Auroraville dam to the Bruce creek, Pine river from the Poysippi dam upstream to the first highway bridge Trout streams</u>	a. <u>Hook and line.</u>	<u>During the open season for trout</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
		b. <u>Spearing for suckers and carp only.</u>	<u>Saturday nearest March 15 to the day preceding the Saturday nearest May 1</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
		e. <u>b. By hand</u>	<u>Continuous</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
	3. <u>2. Poygan lake, Fox river</u>	a. <u>Hook and line, by hand, dip netting.</u>	<u>Continuous</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
		b. <u>Spearing.</u>	<u>April 21 to February 1</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
		c. <u>Set or bank pole and setline 500 feet or more from any dam. Whole or live bait fish may not be used on Poygan lake.</u>	<u>Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
	<u>3. All other waters except Lake Winnebago system waters</u>	a. <u>Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing</u>	<u>Continuous</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>

SECTION 155. NR 20.20(71)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 156. NR 20.20(71)(e) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(71) WINNEBAGO (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(e) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line.	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. Butte des Morts lake, Little Butte des Morts lake, Poygan lake, Winnebago lake, Winneconne lake, Fox river downstream from Butte des Morts lake, Fox river upstream from Eureka dam, Wolf river	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting sunrise to sunset.	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing.	April 21 to February 1	None	None
		c. Set or bank pole and setline 500 feet or more from any dam	Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30	None	None
		a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
	3. All other waters <u>except Lake Winnebago system waters</u>	b. Spearing.	April 21 to the first Sunday in March	None	None

SECTION 157. NR 20.20(72)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 158. NR 20.20(72)(e) is repealed.

SECTION 159. NR 20.20(72)(h)1. is amended to read:

NR 20.20(72) WOOD (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	<p>1. <u>Buena Vista creek upstream to the Nepco dam, Yellow river downstream from the highway 54 dam at Dexterville including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge from the highway 54 dam at Dexterville downstream, Wisconsin river including all sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge</u></p>	a. Hook and line-	Continuous	<p>5 in total but until March 31, 2014 none may be from 20² to 28² and only 1 may be 281-</p>	<p>15 <u>minimum, but the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28</u></p>
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SECTION 160. NR 20.20(73)(a) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(73) SPECIES OR WATERS NOT LISTED IN SUBS. (1) TO (72)

(a) All species	<p>1. Green Bay, Lake Michigan, Lake Superior</p>	<p>a. Motor trolling is permitted.</p>	<p>As specified in this subsection-</p>	<p>As specified in this subsection-</p>	<p>As specified in this subsection-</p>
	<p>2. 1. Peshtigo river upstream to the first railroad bridge, Marinette county; Oconto river and tributaries except the Little river downstream from highway 141, Oconto county</p>	<p>a. From September 15 to the first Saturday in May only hooks with a one-half inch gap or less may be used while hook and line fishing.</p>	<p>As specified in this subsection</p>	<p>As specified in this subsection</p>	<p>As specified in this subsection</p>

<p>3-2. Lake Michigan tributaries; Peshtigo river upstream from the first railroad bridge to the first dam, Marinette county; Little river downstream from highway 141, Oconto county; Oconto river upstream from the upstream side of the highway 141 bridge to the first dam, Oconto county; and all other tributary streams, rivers and ditches - excluding the Menominee river- to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake</p>	<p>a. In addition to the restrictions under pars. (b) to (o), all of the following restrictions apply: Motor trolling is permitted in Lake Michigan tributaries of Racine county. From September 15 to the first Saturday in May only hooks with a one-half inch gap or less may be used and hook and line fishing is prohibited from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise. From September 15 to December 31, fishing by any method is prohibited from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.</p>	<p>As specified in this subsection</p>	<p>As specified in this subsection</p>	<p>As specified in this subsection</p>
<p>4. Lake Winnebago system waters-</p>	<p>a. Motor trolling is permitted except on the Wolf river from its mouth at Lake Poygan upstream to the dam in the city of Shawano, and all its tributaries upstream to the first dam, including Cincoe and Partridge lakes in Winnebago, Waupaca, Outagamie and Shawano counties.</p>	<p>As specified in this subsection-</p>	<p>As specified in this subsection-</p>	<p>As specified in this subsection-</p>

SECTION 161. NR 20.20(73)(f) is amended to read:

NR 20.20(73) SPECIES OR WATERS NOT LISTED IN SUBS. (1) TO (72)

(f) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Lake Superior and connected sloughs, Kakagon river	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0 for <u>smallmouth bass, 1 for largemouth bass</u>	<u>22 for largemouth bass only</u>
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	22
	2. Outlying waters of Green Bay and Lake Michigan within 1/4 mile of Washington, Detroit, Plum, Pilot, Hog or Rock islands	a. Hook and line.	July 1 to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	12
	3. Lake Winnebago system waters	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total	14
	4. All waters not listed in subs. (1) to (72) or this paragraph north of a line following STH 77 from its bridge over the St. Croix river east to STH 27, south on STH 27 to STH 64, east on STH 64 to its terminus in the city of Marinette and continuing due east to the shore of Green Bay and all waters north of STH 29 from its bridge over the Fox river east to its terminus in the city of Kewaunee and continuing due east to the shore of Lake Michigan	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0 for <u>smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass</u>	<u>14 for largemouth bass only</u>

Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	14
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5. All other waters not listed in subs. (1) to (72) or this paragraph	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	14
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SECTION 162. NR 20.20(73)(g)1. is amended to read:

NR 20.20(73) SPECIES OR WATERS NOT LISTED IN SUBS. (1) TO (72)

(g) Muskellunge	1. Green Bay, Lake Michigan and Lake Michigan tributaries north of a line running due east from the eastern terminus of Waldo boulevard in the city of Manitowoc, all tributary streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line:	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	50 <u>54</u>
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SECTION 163. NR 20.20(73)(L)6. is amended to read:

NR 20.20(73) SPECIES OR WATERS NOT LISTED IN SUBS. (1) TO (72)

(L) Rough fish	1. Green Bay, Lake Michigan	a. Hook and line, by hand, spearing, dip netting at any time.	Continuous	None	None
		b. Seining at any time with seines not more than 75 feet in length and 6 feet in depth 1500 feet or more below the DePere dam	April 1 to May 25	None	None

2. Major Green Bay tributaries, Lake Michigan tributaries	a. Hook and line, by hand, <u>spearing</u> , dip netting at any time 500 feet or more below the first upstream dam or up to 5 miles straight inland from the mouth, whichever is less, except from September 15 through December 31 when fishing by any method is prohibited from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.	Continuous	None	None
	b. Spearing.	Continuous for Lake Michigan tributaries in Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine and Sheboygan counties; April 21 to the first Sunday in March for all other tributaries but the Oconto river west of hwy. 141, Oconto county, has no open season on spearing.	None	None
3. All other tributary streams and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	None	None

	b. Spearing	April 21 to the first Sunday in March but portions of tributaries west of hwy. 141, Oconto county, and the Menominee river have no open season <u>Continuous except no open season on the Menominee river</u>	None	None
	c. Dip netting at any time 500 feet or more below the first upstream dam or up to 5 miles straight inland from the mouth, whichever is less, except from September 15 through December 31 when fishing by any method is prohibited from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.	Continuous	None	None
	d. By hand.	Continuous	None	None
5. Lake Superior	a. Hook and line, by hand, spearing.	Continuous	None	None
	b. Dip netting at any time for smelt only.	April 1 to May 25	None	None
	c. Seining at any time for smelt only with seines not more than 75 feet in length and 6 feet in depth.	April 1 to May 25	None	None
6. All Lake Winnebago system waters not listed in subs. (1) to (72)	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting.	Continuous	None	None

	b. Spearing.	April 21 to February 1	None	None
7. All trout streams not listed in subs. (1) to (72)	a. Hook and line.	During the open season for trout	None	None
	b. By hand.	Continuous	None	None
8. All other waters not listed in subs. (1) to (72) or this paragraph	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing.	Continuous	None	None

SECTION 164. NR 20.35(3) is amended to read:

NR 20.35(3) ALTERNATE LIMIT.

(a) *Size limits.* If the department finds under sub. (2) that one or more of the following conditions exists in a particular water, the corresponding alternate size limit shall apply to the named species of fish in that water.

1. No size limit shall apply to walleye, largemouth bass or smallmouth bass if, for the particular species in a particular water, the department finds that at least one of the following conditions exist:

~~1.~~ a. Angler exploitation of the species is less than 15% of the population of fish larger than the original size limit.

~~2.~~ b. Total adult mortality for that species is less than 30% of the population.

~~3.~~ c. More than 10% of the fish tested of that species in the size range from the originally applicable size limit to 3 inches larger than the originally applicable size limit, in fillets with the skin on, contain .75 parts per million or more mercury, 2 parts per million or more PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl), 5 parts per million or more DDT (dichloro diphenyl trichloroethane), 5 parts per million or more Toxaphene, 0.3 parts per million or more Chlordane, or 0.3 parts per million or more Dieldrin.

~~4.~~ d. Walleye males do not grow to a length of at least 13 inches in 4 years or largemouth bass or smallmouth bass do not grow to a length of at least 12 inches in 5 years in all inland waters lying north of a line beginning at the state highway 70 bridge over the St. Croix river, then east on state highway 70 to its intersection with state highway 27, then south on highway 27 to its east of a line following STH 13 from where it intersects US 2 in the city of Ashland south to its intersection with state highway 64, then east along highway 64 to its end, then continuing east to the waters of Green Bay or in inland waters of Brown, Kewaunee or Door counties north of a line beginning with the state highway 29 bridge over the Fox river, then east along state highway 29 to its end, then continuing east to Lake Michigan.

~~5.~~ e. Largemouth bass or smallmouth bass do not grow to a length of at least 14 inches in 6 years in inland waters other than those identified in subd. 1. d.

2. Alternate size limits may apply to walleye, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, muskellunge, catfish, northern pike, or panfish if, for the particular species in a particular water, the department finds that at least one of the following conditions exist:

a. A lake restoration project is in place to reduce detrimental fish species that includes bio-manipulation of a waterbody through increasing the abundance and biomass of predator game fish. The department shall apply the following minimum size limits to particular species: 18-inch walleye, 18-inch largemouth or smallmouth bass, or 32-inch northern pike.

b. Fish have been removed or destroyed as a result of a rehabilitation program to reestablish a good supply of game fish. The department shall apply the following minimum size limits to particular species: 18-inch walleye, 18-inch largemouth or smallmouth bass, or 32-inch northern pike.

c. An inland water has been documented to contain detrimental species, species nonindigenous to the waters of the state, or rough fish. In order to control the population of detrimental, nonindigenous, or rough fish species and protect the native fish populations, the department shall apply the following minimum size limits to particular species: 18-inch walleye, 18-inch largemouth or smallmouth bass, or 32-inch northern pike.

d. The department finds that an evaluation of a size limit could not be completed before a sunset date listed in s. NR 20.20. The department may extend the size limit under sub. (2) and the limit shall remain the same and in full force and effect for 7 years from the date specified in s. NR 20.20 or until a permanent rule change is in place, whichever occurs first. The determination to extend a size limit sunset date under sub. (2) shall be made within two years prior to the sunset date listed in s. NR 20.20.

(b) *Bag limits.* If the department finds under sub. (2) that one or more of the following conditions exists in a particular water, the corresponding alternate bag limit shall apply to the named species of fish in that water.

1. Alternate daily bag limits may apply to walleye, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, muskellunge, catfish, northern pike, or panfish if, for the particular species in a particular water, the department finds that at least one of the following conditions exist:

a. A lake restoration project is in place to reduce detrimental fish species that includes bio-manipulation of a waterbody through increasing the abundance and biomass of predator gamefish. The department shall apply the following daily bag limits to particular species: 3 walleye, 1 largemouth or smallmouth bass, 1 northern pike, or 10 panfish.

b. Fish have been removed or destroyed as a result of a rehabilitation program to reestablish a good supply of game fish. The following daily bag limits shall apply to particular species: 3 walleye, 1 largemouth or smallmouth bass, 1 northern pike, or 10 panfish.

c. An inland water has been documented to contain detrimental species, species nonindigenous to the waters of the state, or rough fish. In order to control the population of detrimental, nonindigenous, or rough fish species and protect the native fish populations, the department shall apply the following daily

bag limits to particular species: 3 walleye, 1 largemouth or smallmouth bass, 1 northern pike, or 10 panfish.

d. The department finds that an evaluation of a daily bag limit could not be completed before a sunset date listed in s. NR 20.20. The department may extend the daily bag limit under sub. (2) and the limit shall remain the same and in full force and effect for 7 years from the date specified in s. NR 20.20 or until a permanent rule change is in place, whichever occurs first. The determination to extend a daily bag limit sunset date under sub. (2) shall be made within two years prior to the sunset date listed in s. NR 20.20.

SECTION 165. NR 20.36(2) is amended to read:

NR 20.36(2) READJUSTMENT. ~~After the third Monday in May,~~ In response to actual tribal harvest, the secretary may raise the daily bag limit or reduce the minimum size limit to the limit specified as appropriate using the percent of the safe harvest level expected to be harvested through the first Sunday in March of the next year as indicated in sub. (1). If actual harvest subsequently exceeds the expected harvest level, the daily bag limit for walleye may be reduced or the minimum size limit for muskellunge may be increased the following year to reflect actual harvest for that year and harvest goals of the Chippewa bands for the next year. If a new population estimate is made, the safe harvest level shall be changed accordingly and the secretary may adjust the daily bag limit or minimum size limit according to the percentage of the new safe harvest level that is expected to be harvested as indicated in sub. (1), where deemed necessary to remain consistent with the safety factors established under *Lac Courte Oreilles v. State of Wis.*, 707 F. Supp. 1034 (W. D. Wis. 1989). The readjusted daily bag and size limits shall be in effect until ~~March~~ the first Sunday in March of the year following the tribal harvest.

SECTION 166. NR 20.41(4) is created to read:

NR 20.41(4) AUTHORIZED METHODS. No person may fish in Escanaba, Nebish, or Palette Lakes while possessing fishing line with attached lead-containing jig-heads, sinkers, and weights that weigh less than 1 ounce or that measure less than 1 inch in any dimension.

SECTION 167. NR 23.05(5)(d) is amended to read:

NR 23.05 **Hook and line fishing.** (5) The seasons, size limits and bag and possession limits for hook and line fishing in the Wisconsin–Michigan boundary waters for the species listed in this subsection, except as provided in s. NR 23.06, are as follows:

(d) LARGEMOUTH BASS AND SMALLMOUTH BASS	1. All boundary waters	First Saturday in May to December 31	0, 0 for <u>smallmouth</u> <u>bass, 5 for</u> <u>largemouth</u> <u>bass</u> beginning the first Saturday in May to the Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	<u>14 for</u> <u>largemouth</u> <u>bass only</u>
			5 in total for the third Saturday in June to December 31	14

SECTION 168. NR 23.05(5)(e) is amended to read:

NR 23.05 **Hook and line fishing.** (5) The seasons, size limits and bag and possession limits for hook and line fishing in the Wisconsin–Michigan boundary waters for the species listed in this subsection, except as provided in s. NR 23.06, are as follows:

(e) MUSKELLUNGE	1. Menominee river from the Hattie Street dam in the city of Marinette downstream to the eastern end of the breakwalls in Green Bay	May 15 to November 30	1	50 <u>54</u>
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SECTION 169. NR 23.055(2) is amended to read:

NR 23.055(2) READJUSTMENT. ~~After the third Monday in May,~~ In response to actual tribal harvest, the secretary may raise the daily bag limit or reduce the minimum size limit to the limit specified as appropriate using the percent of the safe harvest level expected to be harvested as indicated in sub. (1). If a new population estimate is made, the safe harvest level shall be changed accordingly and the daily bag limit or minimum size limit shall be adjusted according to the percentage of the new safe harvest level that is expected to be harvested as indicated in sub. (1). The readjusted daily bag and size limits shall be in effect until the first Sunday in March of the year following the tribal harvest.

SECTION 170. NR 23.08 is amended to read:

NR 23.08 **Motor trolling.** Fishing from a motor-driven boat when the motor is running or from any

boat in tow of a motor-driven boat when the motor is running is authorized on all Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters ~~except Vilas county waters.~~

SECTION 171. EFFECTIVE DATE. This rule shall take effect April 1, 2014, except Sections 7, 8, 164, 165, and 169 that shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, as provided in s. 227.22(2)(intro.), Stats.

SECTION 172. BOARD ADOPTION. This rule was approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on _____.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin _____

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By _____
Cathy Stepp, Secretary

(SEAL)